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## Introduction



*Back: Fiona Moggan, Terry Nalty,  
Karen Berry, Karen McGovern,  
Front: Evelyn Renolds Carr, Sally  
Flynn & Valerie Jennings.*

The school year 2012 marks sixty years of Cahergal National School. It was brought to the Parents Association attention a year ago by Principal Sally Flynn. Many discussions were held over the year and it was decided as part of the celebrations to produce this book. I then undertook the task to ask the local community for their memories of Cahergal School and compiled them into this book.

I particularly like to thank all the contributors for their articles, photos and memories. Especially those, who let me

into their homes to share their reminiscences, without them this book would have not been made possible. I also wish to thank my colleges in the Parents Association Anniversary Celebration Committee, Karen Berry, Chairperson; Karen McGovern, Treasurer; Evelyn Carr, Terry Nalty and Fiona Moggan for all the background work in making this publication possible. To Mrs Sally Flynn; Principal, Mrs Carmel Hughes, Secretary and all the teaching staff for their patience in answering my various requests for information and class photos.

Valerie Jennings: Secretary of Cahergal N.S. Parents Association

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## A Message from the Principal



As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Cahergal N.S., it is a great privilege to be Principal at this time. It is an honour to work hand in hand with a committed team of teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to provide excellence in the education of our students. All we strive to achieve is carried out under the guidance of a Catholic ethos and the management of our Board, led by our present Chairperson, Ronan Stephens. The school acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary educators - the staff work in co-operation with the student and the home to help each individual pupil reach his/her potential. The loyal and appreciative parents of Cahergal N.S. truly believe that we are doing everything in our power to guarantee a rich and top class education for their children.

We celebrate the many years of providing education in the area. We continue to achieve high standards despite the fact that we are fifteen years seeking a new building. It is not the building that makes a good school however, but rather the people who are associated with it.

On a personal note, I look forward to meeting past pupils and friends of Cahergal at our celebrations. I hope you all enjoy meeting and reminiscing about school days. Cahergal holds a special place in my heart. My first few weeks as a qualified teacher were spent in Cahergal, while I worked as a substitute teacher. Eleven years later I returned as a mainstream class teacher and became principal in 2006. I strive to do justice to the work carried out by my predecessors, Jim Conroy, Donnie Mullins, Gerry King and Carmel Niland.

I thank the Parents Association for all their hard work with this project. Two years ago the seed was sown about an anniversary celebration. With the enthusiasm, energy and generosity of time and spirit of the Parents Association, it has come to fruition. It is with pride I congratulate them on a job well done.

Comhghairdeas do gach duine a bhí páirteach le ullmhúchán an tionscamh seo agus tá siúl agam go mbainfidh idir óg agus aosta taitneamh as an gceiliúradh.

*Sally Flynn, Principal*

## Sixty Years Of Cahergal National School.

Cahergal National School was opened in 1952. This new school replaced Garra National School and the new site was chosen as it was in a favourable position for the families in the district. Work started on the planning applications for the new school in 1951. Tender notices were submitted to the Tuam Herald on 25th August 1951 and in the Irish Press on 22nd August 1951. The specification and conditions of contract were exhibited at the residence of Very Rev. P. Curran, parish priest of Killenerin. Applications of the drawings and specifications also could be obtained from the Office of Public works with a deposit of £1.00, which was refunded on the return of those documents. The closing date was 20th September 1951.



The tender seemed to be awarded quickly as the next report about the school appeared in the Tuam Herald on 9th August 1952 in the North Galway Jottings. It reported "The New School at Cahergal, Tuam, to replace the old Garra National School, Ballyglunin, is now almost complete and is a splendid structure fitted in a modern style. There seems to be a promising future for this school as the district is well populated and with some additional new houses should be able to keep the same complement of teaching staff as Garra N.S. Mr James Conroy was the Principal Teacher".

Mr & Mrs Conroy were the last teachers in Garra N.S. and they were the first teachers in Cahergal in 1952. Miss Curran was the third teacher in Cahergal in those early years.

The new school was finally opened in late 1952 and in November 1953 the Very Rev. P. Canon Curran, P.P., Killenerin, celebrated Mass in the new school. There was a large attendance of parents, parishioners, and local teachers. Rev. Fr. Moran, C.C. Killenerin assisted Father Curran at the opening Ceremony.




Sixty years on, Cahergal is still a thriving school, and has out grown the original Cahergal School building for many years. A new school has been sanctioned for Cahergal and is presently at design stage.

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## The Teachers Residence

In 1875 the National School Teachers Residence (Ireland) Act was passed. This was because many of the National Schools were in remote areas and teachers found it difficult to get to school. This act helped teachers to rent or build a house near their school.

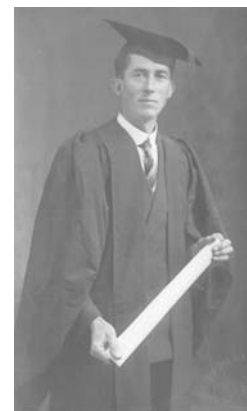
In the 1960s the teacher's residence for Cahergal School was in Garra. The Conroys lived there all their working lives and raised seven children there. When they retired they spent the rest of their lives there. In later years the Conroy family sold the house.



*The Teachers Residence*



*The Conroy Family*



*Mr. Jim Conroy on his graduation from Durmcondra College Circa 1920's*

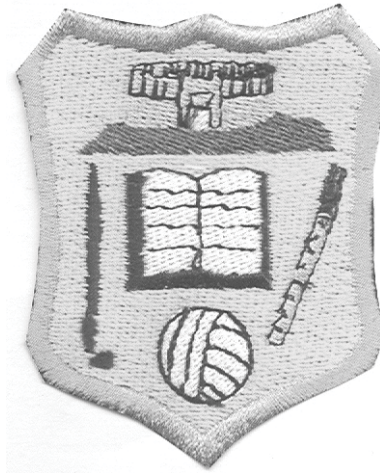


*Back: Kevin, Seamus, Joseph, Nuala, Sr. Diamen, Padraic Aidan. Front Anne, Mr and Mrs Conroy with Aunt Meisie*



### Background

It was decided by the staff of Cahergal that the school uniform should have a crest that would truly represent the essential spirit and ethos of Cahergal National School. As a past pupil, I was honoured to be asked to design the school crest. It was important that the children themselves contribute its creation. To this end, senior pupils were asked complete a survey on what they thought best represented their school. The pupil's contributions were studied and amalgams of their ideas were chosen to be included in the final design.



### Explanation the Symbolism Used

At the top of the crest is the official name of the school, S.N. An Chathair Gheal. The name itself means 'Bright Stone Fort' and refers to a stone fort located metres from the school.

There are five symbols on the body of the crest. These are set against a yellow background which compliments the school uniform colours. The colour yellow is associated with joy, happiness, intellect, and energy.

### The Stone Fort

The symbol at the top of the crest depicts the local stone fort after which the school is named. It is a significant historical landmark in our local area. It was most likely built in the Early Christian Period (400AD-800AD) although some ring forts are dated before and after this period. It would have been a local centre for agriculture, industry and defence in its time. It is included in our school crest as it symbolises pride in our local culture and heritage. It also symbolises that we know who we are and where we come from, which is the best starting point on life's journey.

### The Open Book

Directly under the fort is a picture a book which symbolises the curricular work that we excel at in our school. In Cahergal the pupils benefit from a broad, stimulating and inspiring education that will stand the boys and girls in good stead throughout their lives.

### The Tin Whistle

Continuing in a clockwise direction, the tin whistle represents the school's love of music and dedication to music and dance as an enriching part of the children's education.

### The Gaelic Football

The picture of a football occupies the bottom part of the crest and represents the central place of all sports, and Gaelic football in particular, to the culture of the school.

### The Paintbrush

On the left had side of the crest, the paintbrush represents the schools interest in and dedication to the arts. It reflects the schools dedication to nurturing artistic talent and creativity across the curriculum.

### A message from Mrs Mary Fallon Teacher 1970-1989

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the parents of the children I taught in Cahergal School. You were all so wonderful, kind and supportive in every way. Many, many thanks and God Bless you and yours always. I have very happy memories of your children and it was a pleasure to teach them. Also sincere thanks to Mrs Tierney who was chairperson of the Board of Management, for a lovely farewell party which she organised for me.

Mary Fallon

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## Past Teachers



Jim Conroy 1952 to 1958



Gerry King 1971 to 1993



Celia Conroy 1952 to 1966



Eoghan O'Neill 1996 to 1998



Bríd Curran 1954 to 1970



Louise Byrne 2006 to 200



Mary Fallon 1970 to 1989



Carmel Niland 1977 to 2006



Donnie Mullins 1966 to 1971

## Current Teaching Staff

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Elaine Duddy , 2008 to present  
Junior and Senior Infants



Eileen McGrath 1993 to present,  
Learning Support



Della Healy 1995 to present,  
First and Second class



Fileas Keady 1998 to present,  
Resource Teacher



Sally Flynn, Principal, 1988 to  
present,  
Third and Fourth Class



Maire Hession SNA



Liz Kelly 2008 to present,  
Fifth and Sixth Class



Carmel Hughes Secretary/ SNA

## Cahergal Memories by Carmel Niland, N.T and Principal 1977 –2006

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It's July 1st 1966 and I'm walking into Cahergal NS for the first day of a lifetime's journey in teaching. I've just turned nineteen years and perhaps just five or six years older than some pupils in 7th class. As was the custom then, many children stayed in primary school for 7th class. I cannot remember ever wanting to do anything career wise other than becoming a teacher. My role model was Florrie O'Sullivan who had taught me for three years in Barnaderg — I even knew what classes I would like to teach all based on my experience at school in Barnaderg!! I joined a lovely staff of two other dedicated teachers who were my mentors for those early years — Donnie Mullins as principal and Miss Curran who taught the middle classes. I served six happy years as the infant teacher. My first Junior Infant class included Willie and Mary Cunningham, Bridie Holian, Evelyn Coen, Paul Fahy and Peter Burke. One memory which stands out for me from those early years is taking those children, who hadn't missed a day from school during the year, to visit Santa in town at Christmas. This combined with a mineral and snack was considered a good day out —the simplicity of it all!!

When Donnie Mullins transferred to Barnaderg, he was replaced by Gerry King who was to be principal in Cahergal until his retirement in 1993. During his principalship school tours were initiated. This day became one of the highlights of the school year. Gerry and I would leave Cahergal at the crack of dawn with up to sixty children from 2nd to 6th heading to places such as Dublin of course, Limerick, Cork and other places in between. The children were invariably trusted to take care of themselves during the shopping part of the tour. We returned fourteen or fifteen hours later after innumerable headcounts, always exhausted, laden down with presents for all at home and a bit the worse of the wear after a hectic day only to repeat the whole thing to another destination the next time with just as much enthusiasm. What went on at the back of the bus sometimes, we're not so sure was always educational but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves — the teachers took an odd foray down the way to keep in touch with the rear, which was the preserve of 6th class each year and to ensure that everything was above board. By today's standards the pupil teacher ratio would be seriously frowned on and for very good reasons too but thankfully these outings hold nothing but very happy memories for me and hopefully for everyone else involved as well.





*Miss Carmel Lynskey on her wedding day with some children from Cahergal N.S.*

Some years later the " Small Tour" as it became known commenced. An incident on one of these tours kept us laughing for quite some time. The children on this particular tour were down by the Corrib in Galway having lunch and admiring the ducks, which came to be fed by the onlookers. One of the group of children, a hardy boy, was very familiar with ducks and was dying to show his prowess and in a flash grabbed a duck in his hands, whipped it out of the water and wanted to know if he could "stun him". Well a group of American onlookers nearly lost their lives as did the poor teacher on the day. The Americans were shouting to "put the duck back in the water" as if it could die for want of oxygen or something but our friend was very keen to show how he could "stun It". But thankfully, at the earnest urging of the teacher, the drama ended safely with the flock left intact.

In 1988 Sally Flynn joined the staff in Cahergal. We became friends and our friendship endured throughout my time in Cahergal and to this day. When I became principal following Gerry King's retirement in 1993, Sally's support

as vice principal was unstinting. Eileen McGrath later joined the staff followed by Della Healy and then Fileas Keady. In the meantime, because of increasing enrolments we had become a four teacher school with a fifth as a Resource teacher. Carmel Hughes joined the staff as school secretary and it's hard to imagine now how the school functioned as a three person unit considering the volume of work, including secretarial tasks being undertaken by everyone. We became a staff of really good friends, as well as working colleagues and I will forever cherish the friendships of those years.

I have so many fond memories from my time as principal in Cahergal. The annual school play/concert was another unforgettable highlight of the school year. Rehearsals usually started shortly after the Halloween break. Casting the play was a major part — the number of shepherds, angels etc. varied depending on numbers of children available. The dress rehearsal was usually a bit of a disaster but invariably everything was wonderful "on the day". People seemed to hang from the rafters such was the support for the event. Our annual sports day was another highlight of the school year. This was very much a moveable feast depending on the weather. Everyone took part wholeheartedly in the proceedings including the mothers and fathers races and on a few crazy occasions there was a teacher's race!!

As no doubt everyone is aware we had poor accommodation in Cahergal. Soon after I became principal I realised this with a bang, pipes tended to leak on occasions, windows were broken with football accidents and slates came loose. Tommy Cooney never failed to come to the rescue and he kept body and soul together so to speak in Cahergal and I'm sure he continues to do so to this day.

We had wonderful neighbours in Cahergal because prior to the purchase of the field at the back of the school space was really limited. The children's' play areas became smaller with the addition of prefabs, while the actual numbers on roll increased. But our wonderful neighbours Mary and Dom Dunleavy and Joe King always came to the rescue allowing us to use their fields.

At this juncture I must mention the Boards of management who operated the school during my tenure there. These were invariably the most dedicated people who worked tirelessly in the interest of the school. Since their

inception they were headed by hardworking resolute chairmen, Canon Heaney and Fr. Waldron. They together with the parents and other board members never flinched when any job needed to be done for the school.

Following my retirement I must confess that on numerous occasions a former teacher colleague would remark "Isn't it wonderful to be retired?" My honest response was that I really missed Cahergal, the camaraderie of my former colleagues, the buzz of the children and the whole school dynamic. I'll certainly have a spot in my heart for Cahergal forever and a little piece of me will always be there since I've that Acer tree which was given to me by the school's community before I left. The regulated existence of forty years has gone. I certainly can't say where I'll be at any given day or time now but I'll never forget my old Alma Mater.

Carmel Niland

**Fr Kieran Waldron, Kllererin Parish Priest, 1993-2011**



For my eighteen years in Kllererin I have had the privilege of making a weekly visit to the parish schools. I was always in amazement at the spirit of these schools and the dedication of the teaching staffs. Adding my own tuppence worth to the religious education of the children was always heartwarming and refreshing – whatever little benefit the youngsters may have gained from my visits. I wish them all well in whatever stage they are at now. They remain in God's love.

In the past, the work of Parish Priest was expected to include acting as Chairman of the Board of Management of the parish schools. Most of the work of the Board is in the background but it is very real and time-consuming. I was Chairman of Cahergal BOM from 1993 to 2011 and found it a rewarding, if challenging, experience. I was fortunate, however, to work with several boards of exceptional quality and commitment - always supportive to me, the staff and the school.

My best wishes to all involved in the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cahergal.

Fr Kieran Waldron

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*Mrs Fallon*

*Cannon Heaney presents Mrs Fallon a gift for her retirement in 1989, with Carmel Niland N.T and Gerry Connolly from the school board of management.*



*Mr King*

*Mr King pictured with Carmel Niland and Mrs Flynn on his retirement in 1993*



*Mrs Niland*

*On the 30th June, 2006, Carmel Niland retired from teaching in Cahergal N.S. An Acer tree was planted in the school in her honour.*

85 years of Coen's have attended Garra and Cahergal National School, 1928-2013. History is made! There has been an unbroken line of the Coen family attending both Garra and Cahergal national school since 1928. It started with Denis Coen from Garra, Ballyglunin, Tuam Co. Galway, born in 1923. He began in Garra Old School in 1928. His seven brothers and six sisters followed. His two youngest sisters Verdie and Margaret moved from Garra N.S. to Cahergal N.S. in 1952, the year the new school at Cahergal opened. When Margaret was in sixth class the next generation of Coens started at the school. This was Freddie Coen who started in 1958, daughter of Dennis Coen. She was followed by her ten brothers and two sisters. The youngest of this generation was Bernard Coen, and when he was in sixth class, the next line of Coen's began with Denis Junior Coen. He was preceded by his three sisters and two brothers and their four cousins whose father is Jimmy Coen. The last of this long line now attending Cahergal is Cariosa Coen, who is currently in fourth class. She will finish her education in 2015, this will bring to an end, 87 years of the Coen's attending Garra/Cahergal National schools. The end of an Era.



*Denis Coen Sr and his Brother Bernard c. 1935*



*Bernard Coen*



*Denis Coen Junior*



*Cariosa Coen with Noah Higgins, (Catriona Coens son) and Leah Farragher (Freddie Coens granddaughter) and TJ Hughes (Leahs and Noahs cousin)*

The School registers for 1952 survive in good condition. Entries in the 1950's and 1960's are written in Old Irish and then in modern Irish to present. As a result, all the following lists are translated from Irish to English. Although they are transcribed word for word, there may be some anomalies as some writing was difficult to read, so we apologise if anything was misinterpreted. We did our best to find out in the locality also the name they were known, as the names in the register were their full Birth Certificate name in most cases. Any omissions are due to incomplete records.

### The Classes of 1952

The Roll books for 1952 are incomplete, probably due to the transition from Garra to Cahergal School. As a result the roll call for the Níonarí class is missing. The "Níonarí" are the junior and senior infants, and as they were all in the same room, they were written by the boy/girl divide.

The following list was made up from the 1952 and 1953 register. So this record may be incomplete.

#### NAÍONRAÍ – Junior and Seniors classes

**Tierney** Pete, Cloonlusk

**Nalty** Paddy, Garra

**Hession** Michael, Gortbeg

**Flaherty** Bennie, Ballina

**Mullins** Liam, Feigh North

**Burke** Sean, Garra

**Nalty** Sean, Garra

**Kilkelly** Treasa, Garra

**Hughes** Kathleen, Ballinapark

**Howley** Mary, Ballina

**Burke** Máire Patricia, Ballina

**Burke** Treasa, Ballina

**Ryder** Mary Ellen, Clogherboy

**Burke** Bernadette, Ballina

**Farrell** Rose Ann, Garra

**Hughes** Monica, Clogherboy

**Coen** Máireád, Gortbeg

**Hession** Bernadette, Gortbeg

**King** Mary, Clogherboy

**Cosgrove** Nora Aíne, Garra

**King** Carmel Clogherboy

**O'Donnell** Kathleen, Breacloon

**Cosgrove** Máire M., Ballina

Burke Bridie, Coolreagh

#### **FIRST CLASS**

**Howley** Mickey, Ballina

**Burke** Thomas, Feigh

**Coleman** Walter, Togher

**Flaherty** Martin, Ballina

**Gilmore** Martin, Ballina

## The Classes of 1952

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**Hughes** Phil, Ballinapark

**O'Donnell** Chrissy, Feigh North

**Burke** Bríd, Ballina

**Hession** Paulin, Gortbeg

**Coen** Verdie, Gortbeg

**Burke** Mary, Garra

**Delaney** Nora, Ballina

**Farrell** Nora, Togher

**Dunleavy** Frances, Barsberfort

#### SECOND CLASS

**Burke** Paddy, Ballina

**Hughes** Sean, Togher

**McHugh** Jack, Ballina

**Coleman** Micky, Togher

**Flaherty** Paddy Joe, Ballina

**Gilmore** Micky, Ballina

**Reynolds** Eamonn, Cloonlusk

**Tierney** Sean, Cloonlusk

**Kilkelly** Paddy, Garra

**Burke** Mary Ann, Garra

**Hession** Peggy, Gortbeg

**Howley** Phil, Ballina

**Hughes** Marie, Clogherboy

**Bane** Bridie, Ballina

#### THIRD CLASS

**Forde** Martin, Gortbeg

**Hughes** Billy, Ballina

**Watters** Raymond, Ballina

**Hession** Paddy, Gortbeg

**Kilkelly** Gerry, Garra

**Costello** Micky, Gortbeg

**King** Joe, Clogherboy

**Monaghan** Maureen, Ballina

**McGrath** Chrissy, Clogherboy

**Coen** Bridie, Gortbeg

#### FOURTH CLASS

**Hughes** Michael, Ballina

**Murphy** Paddy, ?

**Bane** Matt, Breacloon

**Flaherty** Eddie, Ballina

**Howley** Billy, Ballina

**Nalty** Jimmy, Garra

**Mannion** Mick, Barbersfort

**Dunleavy** Dom, Barbersfort

**Tierney** Sarah, Cloonlusk

**Hession** Bridie, Gortbeg

**Ryder** Chrissy, Clogherboy

**Burke** Maura, Coolreagh

#### FIFTH CLASS

**Folan** John, Clogherboy

**Staunton** Paddy, Clogherboy

**Flaherty** John (Johnny), Ballina

**Hession** Christy, Gortbeg

**King** Peter, Clogherboy

**Delaney** James, Ballina

**Monaghan** Paddy, Ballina

**Coleman** Joan, Togher

**Kilkelly** Mary, Garra

**Burke** Peggie, Ballina

**Howley** Florrie, Ballina

**O'Donnell** Patricia, Baile na Scíoból

**Hession** Bridie, Gortbeg

**McGrath** Mona, Clogherboy

## The Classes of 1952

### SIXTH CLASS

**Reynolds** Johnny, Cloonlusk  
**Ryder** Josie (Joe), Clogherboy  
**Howley** Paddy, Ballina  
**Coleman** Bridie, Togherbeg  
**Costello** Mary, Togher  
**Coen** Treasa, Garra  
**Hession** Nora, Gortbeg  
**Hession** Mary (Peggy), Gortbeg



*Johnny Reynolds and Pat McGrath*

### SEVENTH CLASS

**Watters** P.J., Garra  
**Conroy** Kevin, Garra  
  
**Monaghan** Bridie, Garra  
**Hughes** Nellie, Breacloon  
**Dunleavy** Mary, Barbersfort



*The Tierney Brothers,  
Pete Sean  
and Oliver.  
All attended  
cahergal be-  
tween 1954  
and 1962*

# A.B.

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GARRA SCHOOL, TAKEN C. 1940s



This picture of pupils that attended Garra School in c.1940's. In it there are many pupils that also attended the new school in Cahergal. The name in BOLD are the pupils that attended Cahergal NS also.

Back row left to Right: **Johnny Reynolds**, Sean Bane, Joe Fahy, Joe Monaghan, Joe Mannion, Pat McGrath, Mick Kilkelly and Bobby Burke.

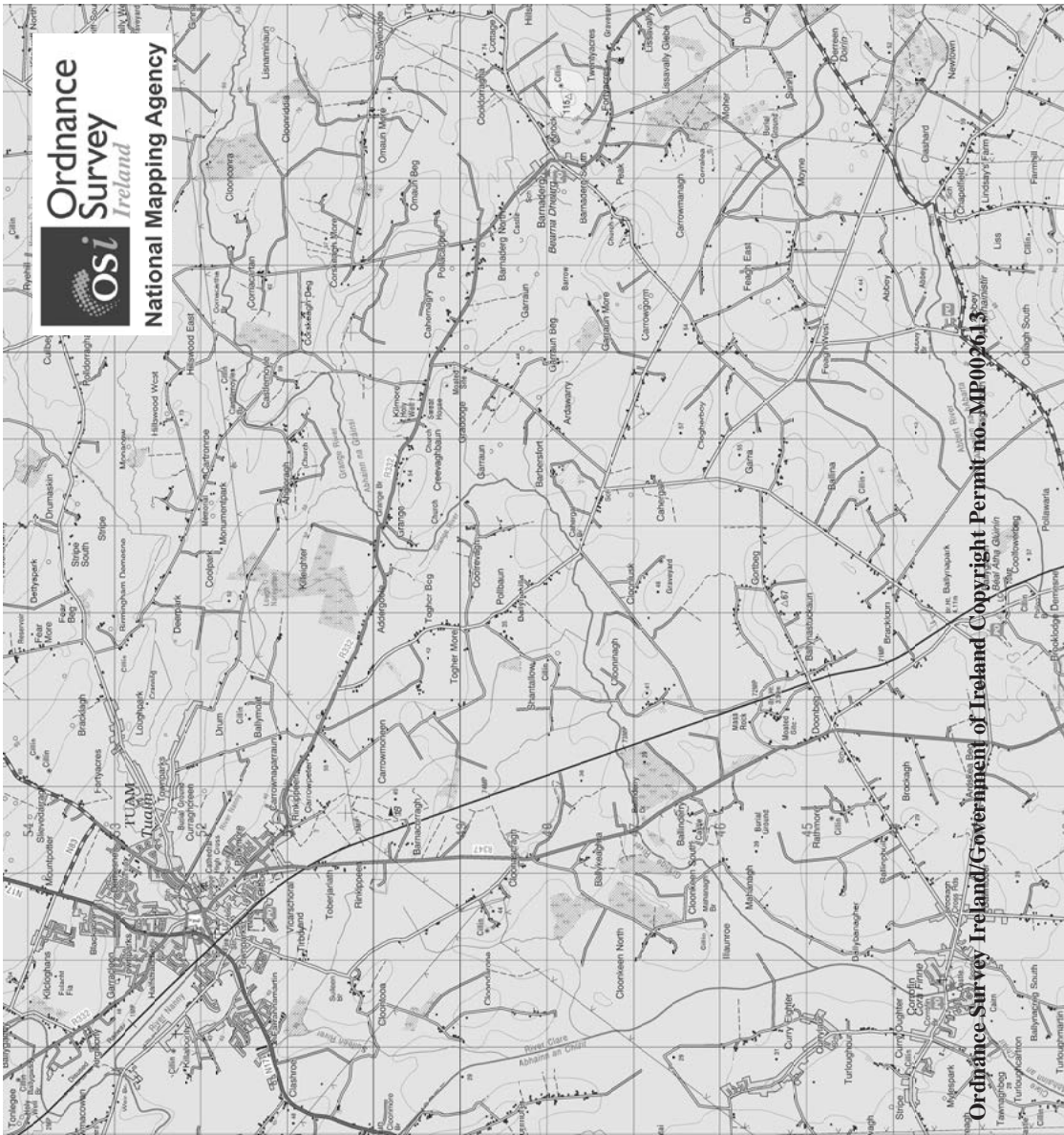
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3rd row from top: ??, Chrissie Burke, - Coleman, B. Nalty, Ann Conroy, Phil Hession, - Flaherty, Maureen Delaney, C. Fahy, Mary Dunleavy, Mary T. Hughes, Peggy Bane, Nora Donnellan, Sally Burke.

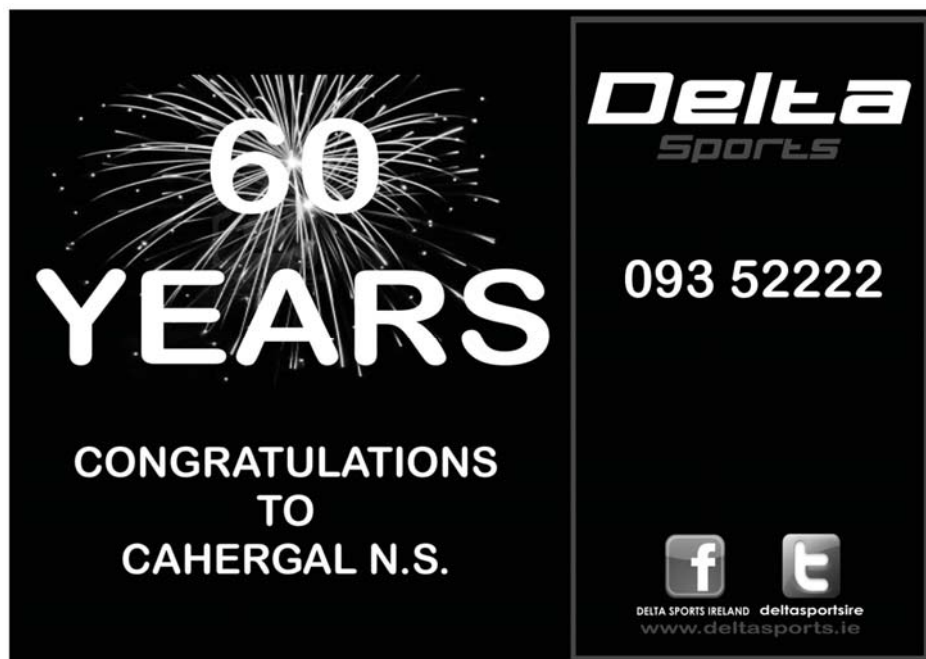
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5th row : Fr. Michael Conroy, Kevin Conroy, **Paddy Howley**, **Matt Flaherty**, **Mick Mannion**, **Mick Howley**, Al Conroy, **Mona McGrath**, **Phil Hughes**, Willie Hughes, Nancy Coen, Freddie Coen, ? , **Bridie Monaghan**, **Ed Flaherty**, ? , **Jimmy Nalty**, **Raymond Watters**, **Paddy Monaghan**, **P. King**.

Front row: **Breege Burke**, **Maureen Monaghan**, **Mary Kilkelly**, **Bridie Hession**, **Patricia O'Donnell**, **Peggy Hession**, **Chrissie O'Donnell**, **Bridie Coen**, **Chrissie McGrath**, - Flaherty, **Nora Hession**, **P Hession**, **Pauline Hession**, **Phil Howley**, **Paddy Staunton**, **Gerry Kilkelly**, **Sean Tierney**, **Paddy Joe Flaherty** ? , and **Sean Hughes**



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If anybody is looking to find information about life in rural Ireland back in the 1950's they could have a read of Alice Taylor's poignant book, *To School through the Fields*. It's a book filled with the details of local customs and traditions that permeated Ireland in those days. It is a little idealistic though and to my mind it glosses over some of the harsher realities of country living in Post WWII Ireland.

When my brother Christy and sisters Bernadette and Pauline and I were pupils in Cahergal N.S. in the early 1950's Ireland was a very different place to what it is today. We walked to school from the village of Gortbeg, down through Tierney's big field and onto Garra bog in our bare feet. We had our shoes slung over our shoulders and only put them on when we reached the main road. From time to time we went by road all the way round to Cahergal, where we often had more company with the boys and girls from Ballina. We would meet at Mullins' corner and amble down to school at a leisurely pace.

In fact on one occasion in 1954 the road between Coen's and Costello's flooded and I remember the postman, Patrick Moran, from Abbeyknockmoy carrying his bike on his shoulders to get through the flood. Of course that flood was a perfect excuse for us to turn back home and be marked 'as láthair' on the roll book yet again! In those days the rules on school attendance were far less stringent than they are today, and we took full advantage....

On occasion too we would get side--tracked to the Coillin (as it was affectionately known in those days) and it wasn't unusual to spend a few hours there, whiling away the day eating hazelnuts and sloes...and then going home!

In those days central heating was unheard of and the school was heated by an open fire in each of the classrooms. Each family was obliged to bring an ass-cart of turf per annum to the school. This was done at various times during the year so that there was always a fuel supply in the adjoining turfshed. Some days, if the turf supply was running a bit short, we each carried a sod of turf to the school and left it in a wooden box in the classroom for burning throughout the day. March 2013



## Reminiscing on Cahergal N.S. By Paddy Hession Class 1948-1956

Ireland was indeed a very different place in those days. It was a simpler time when values and character meant something more than they possibly do today. I remember vividly the inter-dependence of people in the local area, the neighbourliness and the banter. We had very little material things and Cahergal school epitomised life as it was then for us. We often spent lunchtimes throwing a handball to one another in the tiny playground but that was life for us back then. We just got on with it and didn't complain.

Cahergal N.S is still going strong after all these years and nowadays when I pass and see the children at play I wonder to myself what are they thinking? How will they remember their Primary School days sixty years from now?

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## School Days by Mary Burke, (nee Burke) Garra. Class 1948-1956

I was born in Garra and the eldest of eight children. Our parents were Barbara and Jim Burke. I started school in the old school in Garra and was in second class when the new school in Cahergal opened. When I started school in Garra I walked to school and was able to return home at lunchtime for dinner. When we started school in Cahergal, our trip to school was longer and we could not return home at lunchtime. Our lunch usually consisted of homemade brown bread and jam and a bottle of milk. We walked



*Barbara, Noel, Martin and Treasa going to School.*

to school and cycled at times. We also got a lift from the teachers Mr Jim Conroy and Mrs Celia Conroy. They were our next-door neighbours and lived in the teacher's residence which I still live beside. They were very good neighbours and friends of my family. I remain in contact with them today, especially with Sr. Damien (Mercy Convent Tuam).

The new school was a bright building. However although it was new it did not have running water or electricity. The toilets were dry toilets outside. An open fire provided heating in the school. The fire was just behind the teachers back and on a cold day we were very lucky if we ever felt the benefit of it. The parents supplied turf, my father would drop a load for the school every year with the horse and cart. I remember the white horse well. The same horse brought us to mass in the trap every Sunday at 11.30. We tied the horse at Billy Fahy's house near the church. Of course Saturday evening was very busy, washing ourselves and polishing all the shoes. Of course there were no uniforms and my mother made a lot of our clothes.

The white horse, that brought the turf to school. In the picture is my father Jim Burke, holding my sister Treasa, myself,





Mary Burke with cousins Sally and Breege Burke. This was taken just before we were going to Mass.

Mrs Conroy taught the Junior and Senior infants in the first room Miss Curran taught 1st 2nd and 3rd and Mr Conroy taught 4th , 5th, 6th and sometimes 7th. Miss Greally taught before Miss Curran came.

At school the main subjects were learned were the three Rs; Reading Writing, and Arithmetic. We did not have many schoolbooks. We also learned some geography and history. Of course there was Catechism, which was very important and preparing for the 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. Bishop Walsh confirmed me. We were all very afraid of the Bishop. He asked you a question at the altar and we did not want to "fail".



*Brid, Mary and  
Treasa Burke.*

We played skipping, hop scotch, hide and seek in the yard at break time. When the bell rang after lunch you made sure you were in line, outside the door to return to class. Mrs Conroy was very kind. Whenever anyone forgot his or her lunch she always had some of her tasty brown bread to share.

Mr Conroy taught us music in the school and was a good choirmaster. We learned many songs and hymns. He often used his tuning fork in practice, I can still see him now holding it, and tapping it to sound us the right note. Although we learnt many songs, we never had a

parent's day like they do now today in schools to display our singing. The only signing in public was at church.

When we reached 5th and 6th class we went to Mrs Conroy's room for knitting, sewing and embroidery. Knitting a sock was particularly hard. Once I asked my cousin Sally Burke to knit the heel of the sock I was working on. Mrs Conroy must have known I did not do it as she ripped it and asked me to do it again! I was never so embarrassed. Never the less, I never did anything like that again.

On the first of May there was a particularly nice custom. We all brought in primroses to school and tied them to the "May Bush". A sixth class girl was



*Aisling Noone with her  
grandmothers Mary Burke and  
Annette Noone.*

chosen to be Our Lady, and wore a crown and a nice dress. She was then surrounded by the infant's classes who were her angels. We then had a procession organised by Mrs Conroy. We carried the tree branches with primroses and sang hymns. We walked up and down the road. I remember passing our house. We did this in Garra School, I can't remember if we did it in the new school in Cahergal, but I hope we did!

There were five girls and nine boys in my class. Myself, Mary Burke (Garra) Peggy Hes-sion (Gortbeg), Phil Howley (Ballina), Marie Hughes (Clogherboy), Bridie Bane (Brackloon).

The boys, Paddy Burke (Ballina) RIP, Sean Hughes (Ballinapark), Jack McHugh (Togher) RIP, Micheal "Micky" Coleman (Togher), Paddy Joe Flaherty (Ballina), Micheal "Micky" Gilmore (Ballina), Eamonn Reynolds (Cloonlusk), Sean Tierney (Cloonlusk), Paddy KilKelly (Garra) RIP.

My children went to Cahergal School and got on well there. I can't believe that now my grandchildren are going there and are very happy there.



*Rose Farrell,  
Ballina on her  
communion Day  
Circa 1954*



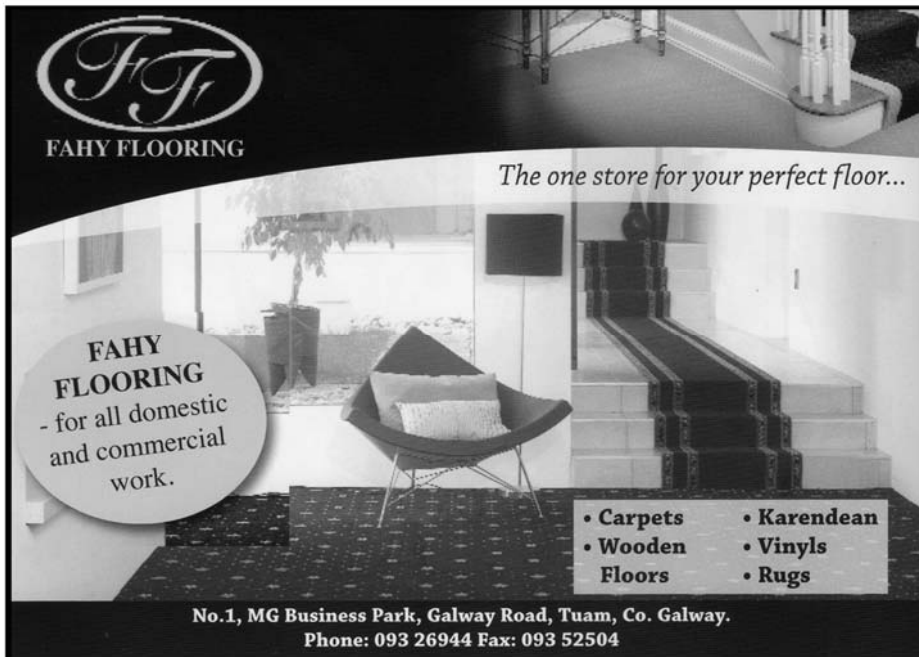
*Matt and Mary  
Nally on their  
Communion Day  
Circa 1958*



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I attended Cahergal in the 1950's. I don't remember much about the things we learnt but I do remember the teachers and the friends that I made there. In those days we had Latin mass. Every week Mr Conroy gave instruction to the Altar boys. To be an Altar boy was a great honour and also a chance to escape from class during Lent. During Lent, mass was held every morning and the altar boy rostered on could miss class that morning. On one particular morning it was my turn. I took my time cycling back from mass and went home to change for school. I took my time as I was in no hurry to go back to school. When eventually turned up at school Mr Conroy greeted me. He asked where was I and I replied at mass sir. He replied, it should have taken you five minutes to go to Killererin Church, mass should have only taken 45 minutes at the most and another 5 to get back, you were so long gone I thought you were serving in Mountbellew!

Heating in the school was by open fire, and was behind the teacher's desk. Therefore not much heat radiated down to us the pupils. On really cold days the teacher's solution was for us all to go in a circle and do jumping jacks! Our parents supplied the turf. All the boys took great joy when someone would bring a load of turf. This meant the morning off from class to unload the turf!

In those days there was no indoor plumbing, and the toilets were dry toilets. Cubicles with a wooden plank with a hole cut out and deep trough or hole underneath. Fondly known as "the long drop". Once you finished your business, you threw a pan of turf dust over it. When I was in sixth class, our parents built a new house with an indoor toilet. I always remember Mr Conroy asking me, what do you do in there? I replied, "You relieve yourself". He then laughed.

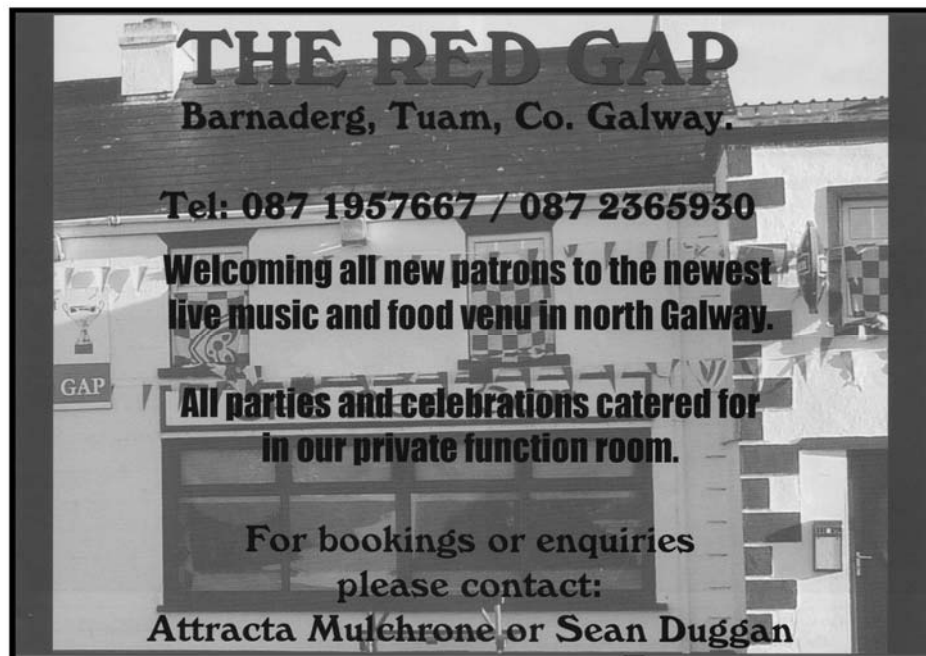
Mr Conroy was a very religious man and also taught us religion. His views on Protestants were very strong. He said never go near a Protestant, and if you meet one on the street, cross to the other side. Never marry or be a friend of a Protestant. When in Tuam and if you happen to walk down High Street, do not pass in front of the Protestant church, cross to the other side. It was just the way people in thought, in those days.

Miss Curran was another teacher I remember. She lived with the Connolly family for a time and then bought a house later in Togher. She was a strict teacher but fair. Once I was on the way to Tuam to do messages. When you would pass Togher, some women would often ask you to buy some tea for them. On this occasion a lady I did not know asked me to

get some tea and I replied "Yes I will Ma'am". Some of the other women said that is not how you address a woman you do not know. But Miss Curran stood up for me and said I was correct.

Homework was always a chore for me. Once I borrowed a book from school that had short essays. Fortunately that day our home work was to write an essay and I found one in the book that I could copy word for word. When Mr Conroy corrected my work he was very impressed and showed it to the rest of the class. My trick had worked until Mr Conroy found the book I used. Waiting in anticipation for a punishment, Mr Conroy laughed to my relief.

One day in class we were all reading around Mr Conroy's table. I was unusually giddy that day and I could not keep still. Eventually Mr Conroy lost all patience and told me to get a glass jar and fill it with water. When I returned he told me to balance it on my head and told me it had to stay there till the lesson was finished. What seemed like an eternity, but only 2-3 minutes, Mr Conroy finally said I could take the jar of my head. It definitely cured me of my giddiness!



*Niamh & Ciomhe Fahy  
with their  
Grandmothers Maura  
Hergerty (nee Burke)  
and Ann Fahy*

The venture to school every morning happened rain hail and shine. Once we started in the new school in Cahergal our trip to school was longer. Sometime we walked across the field and through the callagh in our welllys. If it rained or if we got stuck in the bog, we often reached school with soaking wet wellys and socks and we had no choice but to wear them all day. We also walk and cycled to school by road. The roads then were not properly tar like now days. They were very stony.

As I was the eldest I was the first to have a bicycle to school. When the youngest of us started school I would have to carry her on the back my bicycle. It was no easy feat when I had to cycle the very steep hill. We spent lunchtime outside. We ate our lunch on a stonewall at the far gable end of the school.

There was no shelter at that time. Our lunch was usually brown bread and jam and milk. The milk was in a porter bottle with a cork. You dare not lose the cork as then the bottle would be sealed with newspaper and would often spill.

The big occasions at school were of course Holy Communion and Confirmation. For our Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation was done at school. All of us looked forward to getting our new clothes. Although I say new clothes they were always hand me downs or clothes that came in a package from America. The girls wore for their Holy Communion a white dress, veil and white shoes and the boys wore their Sunday best or suit. I remember been taken by hackney to my Holy Communion and felt very special. After the ceremony we would then go and visit our grandparents. In that day we did not go for a meal in a restaurant or have a party in the house. Confirmation was also a special occasion as the Bishop ordained us. Bishop Walsh confirmed me. I have many fond memories of Cahergal School. Today my grandchildren attend there in the same building. I had the opportunity to visit the school on grandparent's day and was able to see many changes since my school days. I hope my grandchildren are enjoying their schooldays as much as I did.



In the late 1950s Miss Curran a teacher in Cahergal National School rented a room with the Connolly Family in Clogherboy. The house was the first Garda station in the 1920's and later a dance hall. It is still occupied by descendants of the Connollys, Gerry and Bernadette Connolly and family.

From the late 1950s to the 1970s the Connolly children Mary, Patty, Gerry, Bernadette and Liam attended Cahergal National School and were taught by Miss Curran. Patty recalls that living with teacher was hard. Due to the fact that Miss Curran was a guest in the house, Patty had the unpleasant chore of emptying her chamber pot every day as there was no toilet in the house at the time.

One of Patty's fondest memories of school life was when Miss Curran was boiling an egg in a bean tin, on the open fire in the classroom and one of the boys would stoke the fire and empty some water out of the tin resulting in the tin boiling dry and the egg exploding. As a result of the explosion ashes would be blown out over the floor. The children took a guilty pleasure from this as they saw it as getting even for some of the punishment they received. Bridie, her mother, cleaned Miss Curran's room each day, dressed her bed and reset the turf fire as this was the source of heating in those days. Miss Curran would eat with the family and join in some of the family activities in the evenings.

Patty and her siblings walked to and from school and sometimes they got into mischief. It was a treat to take a turnip from Hughes field, smash it off a forged gate and then eat their fill. On other occasions they would put someone on watch and steal apples from Fahy's trees in Clogherboy. Although they knew it was naughty they enjoyed the beautiful bounty. On the fine summer evenings they often took the long way home and instead of going directly to Clogherboy they went by Garra, Curran's Cross and then to Clogherboy, just to avoid picking stones and sowing potatoes etc. Needless to say they got the appropriate punishment.



*Back: The Connolly Children, Mary, Patty, Gerry. Front: Bernadette and Liam*

Mary Connolly remembers vividly the May Day Procession. The King and Queen were selected from the senior class and they, with small children dressed in white, led the Procession. Some children wore their First Holy Communion outfits while others wore their Confirmation clothes for the occasion. The route for the Procession was three way, the first part of the route was towards Garra and back to the school, the second part was towards Cahergal Bridge and back to the Grand Gates and third part was towards Clogherboy and back to the school. During the Procession the rosary was recited and hymns were sung.

Gerry recalls his first day at school, a day which was not very enjoyable. Mrs Conroy was teaching the baby infants at that time and Gerry remembers her as a kind and generous person. At lunch time Miss Curran called him into her classroom and showed him the cane. The sight of the cane must have frightened him because he ran from the school and up the road



*Miss Curran and Mrs Brdie Connolly with Patty and Mary Connolly*



*Miss Curran playing with Gerry Connolly and Bernadette Connolly*

towards home holding on to his lunch which consisted of two slices of buttered bread. Mary, his sister and some other girls ran after him and he got as far as Potter's pond before the girls could stop him. They were amazed that he could travel so fast in a short space of time. A good battle was fought between himself and the girls before they finally coaxed him to return to school.



Patty, Liam, Bernadette, Gerry and Mary.

After living with the Connolly's for a few years Miss Curran moved to a house in Togher. Gerry and his classmates would stand at the school wall in the morning, looking towards the Cahergal Bridge hoping that the teacher would miss a day from school. Their hopes would be dashed when suddenly the basket on the front of Miss Curran's bicycle would appear over the top of the Mall Hill and they would all run and shout "teacher is coming".

As the Connolly's reflect on their school days in Cahergal they discover that while at times things were difficult their memories in the main are happy and joyful. Gerry's children received their primary education in there and Patty's grandchild attends the school now so the link continues on. Cahergal National School is a place where children grow up, friendships are formed, sport is played but above all it is a place of learning.

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When I started school in 1965 were three teachers in the school; Mr Jim Conroy was the school principal and his wife Mrs Celia Conroy was my first teacher, Miss Eileen Curran was the other teacher.

The Conroys retired the following year and my "new" teacher was Carmel Lyskey, Mr Mullins arrived and replaced Mr Conroy as principal. Later Miss Curran retired and was replaced by Mrs Fallon.

We walked to school each day and brought a sandwich and a bottle of tea for our lunch. The teacher would allow us to place our bottles on the range to warm the tea at lunch time. There was a range in the junior class room and an "open" fire in the other two classrooms.



Back; Ciaran, Front Barbara, tom and Gerladine Reilly.

I remember the wooden desk with inkwell, with slide brass cover. We usually sat beside the same pupil for the school year, but if you talked too much in class you could end been moved or could end up outside the door for disrupting the class. School started with prayers each morning. We had religion or catechism each day. The curriculum consisted of Irish, English, Maths (sums), Geography History, and craftwork/knitting /sewing etc.

My favourite subject was knitting. I recall knitting many creations including my beautiful (black and white diamond Poncho), that I wore with pride for many a day. We always had to respect our teachers. If there was a problem it was always sorted at school. You never went home and told your parents, because if you told them, you would end up getting punished on the double.

During the winter months fuel was supplied by the parents of the pupils attending school. There was a turf shed at the side of the school and when the parents brought the cart of turf to the school the pupils assisted in throwing the turf into the turf shed. There was a rota of pupils to take out the ashes and light the fire each morning. Lighting the fire was not easy, no "Zip firelighters" to assist with the job, mainly rolling up newspaper and possibly a few "sticks" that was gathered by pupils to aid the lighting. When papers were lit and fire started, two pupils would hold a sheet of newspaper across the chimney to fan the fire. More often the not the newspaper would end up going up the chimney lighting. How the fire brigade was not permanently outside the school I will never know.

Preparation for the sacraments was very different to today. The priest would come to the school to ensure we were well prepared, and we would be scared that we would not be allowed to make our First Confession or Communion if we did not know our prayers.

On the morning of our First Communion all the class had to sit in the front seat of the church, girls to the right and boys to the left and there was an older pupil selected from school as a "leader" to lead us up to receive communion. Confirmation was also a low key affair, not the style and celebrations of today. I made my confirmation outfit in school, and I remember my mother getting the dressmaker to make a matching outfit for my sister. 5th and 6th class made their confirmation together as is still the tradition in country schools. I remember walking to the church with my sister the day we made our confirmation. No after party or celebration, home take off our "good clothes" and keep them clean for the following Sunday to wear to Mass.

I look back on my days in Cahergal N.S with fond memories, and looking forward to meeting many old friends and teachers at the reunion.

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I come from a family of fifteen and our family, the Boyles from Moyne, started in Cahergal with my eldest brother Frank in 1955 and the youngest Claire finished school in 1982. For just under thirty years we helped Cahergal N.S. to survive to the present day. Our family has many a story to tell, but it is impossible to tell them all as we would not have enough time.



*Angela, Joan, Joseph, Geraldine, Damian, Deirdre and Cathal, Taken in 1969 CHEAK*

It was a time of innocents and we did not know much about the world. As our family grew, we had a new brother or sister nearly every nine months. I remember once the teacher asked us the name of the new baby girl. As we did not know yet, and we felt we had to answer the teacher, we gave the name of another child

that was born at the same time. "Claire Cunniffe"! we said, thinking this was a correct forename. On returning home we told our parents what we said and after much laughing, our new sister received her proper name, Claire.

Mrs Conroy was one of my teachers. She made the most wonderful brown bread. It was so delicious we would often lie and say we had no lunch. Often Mrs Conroy would perform "the miracle of the loaves and fishes" with her brown bread cake. She would slice and butter the bread and then cut each slice into two or three pieces. And no matter what size the cake was there was always enough to give to every child in the class.

On the trip home from school we passed Doddy Potters house. He had a wonderful apple trees and a pear tree. In autumn, on the way home it was always very tempting to go into the orchard and take the delicious fruit. One day we did take three apples and to our dismay Mr Potter came to our

house to complain to our parents. And we never took any apples ever again.

In school we also had to do chores for the teachers. One job was to bring home the tea towels on a Friday, to wash them for the teachers. On this particular Friday Miss Curran gave them to my sister Tina to wash. However when Monday came, Tina forgot to bring them to school. When she arrived to school Miss Curran asked where the tea towels were. When Tina told her she forgot them, she made Tina march home, back to Moyne to get them.

Lunch time was always very important to all us children and we looked forward to it every day so we could escape the confines of the class room. One day before lunch, Mrs Curran fell asleep at her desk. While class was on we were delighted at the free time from tuition, but as lunch time came nearer we became impatient as we did not want to miss any fun outside. At the prospect of no play time Kieran Reilly went up to Miss Curran. He picked up the tongs from the fire and snapped them shut close to Miss Curran's ear. Miss Curran jumped up startled and Kieran dropped the tong, hurting her leg. It was a hilarious sight but not funny for Kieran who was punished by being kept in at lunch for the next three days!

Now many years on we remember Cahergal school and the many children and teachers that went through its doors over the last six decades, we hope it will continue to thrive for the next sixty years.



*Back: Francis, Niall, Noel, Gaberial, Damien, Joseph, Joan, Cathal and Claire*

*Front: Angela, Mary, Tina, Geraldine, Mrs Boyle, Breda and Deidre*

I remember the day that Cahergal N.S. was officially opened with a mass celebrated by Very Rev. P. Canon Curran, P.P., Killrerin. We had been taught in the school for a week or two before we had the special mass. It was a normal day for us children and when the mass was over we were allowed home to our delight!

The new school was nice but the yard was very small and we had not as much room to play. Also the surface was concrete so we were not allowed to run. The yard had a shelter which we did not have before and the dry toilets were at the back.

When we were at school in Garra, we sometimes we would go the long way to school. The Journey took us from our house to Johnny Mannions house in Ardwarry, ????? Checking!!!

When we went through the bog, we would take off our shoes so they would not get dirty. However this all changed when the school moved to Cahergal. We no longer could make a long or interesting trip to school.

I remember Mr and Mrs. Conroy well. They were both strict but fair teachers. The most usually memory I have of them is that Mrs Conroy always called her husband "Sir" at school. And so concludes my memories of Cahergal school.



*This is a photo of the late Joe and Johnny Reynolds, with their brother Eamon.*

It was Joe and Johnnys Confirmation day. Confirmation only happened every four years then, so if you were leaving school and had not received Confirmation, you made it then, no matter what age you are. As they walked to the church they remebered they had to choose a Confirmation

name. The one name that come to mind was Michael, so they both took that name. How times have changed over the years!

I started school in Cahergal in 1957. There were five girls and 2 boys in my family. My teachers were Mr and Mrs Conroy, Miss Curran and Donnie Mullins. My best memory is of Mrs Conroy's bread. We would often stay back and help clean up after school just to get some of her heavenly brown bread.

Since the new school had a small yard, football was forbidden. This however did not stop us boys from brining a ball to school. We would hide the ball under the hedge and take it out at lunch. We would play behind the school so the teachers would not see us. Sometimes we did not succeed as Mr King would often stay in the classroom to keep watch. There were many instances of windows getting broke. I remember Brian Williams and Gerry Heneghan broke the window once but Mr Conroy caught them and punished them.

We also played football in" Luke Fahy's" field. It was really his father's field, Mr Luke Fahy. This was the field to the back of the school, which the school now currently owns. Of course we were not allowed to, but this did not stop us. When Mr Fahy found out what we were doing, he would hide and wait till lunch break at 12.30 to watch his field to see if any pupils would enter. If he saw anyone he would roar at us through the hedge. We also got up to other mischief. I remember Mike O'Donnell always "crying wolf" by saying Mr Conroy was coming when we played football. On

one occasion however, while Mike was pretending to warn us, Mr Conroy heard him and creeper up behind him and caught him by the ear.

After school we always wanted to play foot ball. We always waited till the teachers went home, but one day Mr Conroy came back as he knew what we were up to and ran us all home from school and took our ball. Mrs Curran lived in Togher and would always cycle to school. Once she would come to



Dick Holian, Julianna Burke, John Burke and Mary Nally Circa 1950

"the Mall" hill, she would struggle. She would often get pupils to push her up the hill! We would always help as we hoped that she would not be as strict in class.

I have many fond memories of Mr Mullin. He taught me when I was in sixth class. He was a real gentleman and always dressed well and smelled of aftershave. He loved to smoke and you would often see him smoking Carols when patrolling the yard at lunch. He always noticed you at the weekends if you saw you at mass or in Tuam. He would always ask you about what you were up to.

My first confession was a frightening occasion. Our parish priest was Fr Jennings. He was a stern priest and you did not want to do anything wrong. My first confession was in the church on the front bench. I was very afraid of Fr Jennings and was anxious to get my confession over as soon as possible. In my haste to go out of the church, I did not say my penance, and he had to call me back! We also collected money from people in the parish for "The Far East" book. Each person was allocated houses to collect 5 pence so the school could purchase the book. The book cost a half a crown and was kept on the book shelf over the fireplace.

Once the school went on fire one morning before school. I remember watching the fire engine from Tuam coming to extinguish the fire and the feelings of hope that the school might burn down! Mr Conroy's class room, the centre class room was damaged. The turf the school had was not very dry so it was the practice to leave some sods of turf near the embers, so it would dry out and light better the next day. This was thought to be the cause of the fire and it made a 5ft hold in the roof around the chimney. We all hoped that there would be no school, but alas, Mr Conroy taught us in the hall and fitted us into the other rooms until the repairs were finished.

As we now enjoy the sixtieth school anniversary may many more happy memories be created!



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My first day at school was an enjoyable one. As I entered Mrs Fallon's class room with my brother Martin for the first time, I remember all the toys that were there. Eagerly I left my parents and started playing with all the toys. I thought this was the best place ever. However my mind was soon changed a day or two after as we were no longer allowed to play with the toys continuously. Now we had to listen to teacher, sit quietly and pay attention!

In those days, things were very simple. Lunches of tea and sandwiches were common. The tea was brought in a bottle and left on the stove to keep hot till lunch time. The biggest event of the day would be when one of the bottles exploded because of the heat. It was great fun to watch, but not to clean up, if it was your bottle.

Everything then was also passed down to your siblings. I had the misfortune of being the middle child and got all Martin's hand me downs. As Martin was the eldest he got to choose what was bought for him. He loved V-neck jumpers and I detested them. But always I had to wear them, even if they were too big, because they were passed down. I also had to wear Martin's old shoes which were often too big. I solved this problem by wearing 2-3 pairs of socks so they would not fall off! The only clothes I did get new were my communion and confirmation suits. At last I could wear something I liked. The suits were a good investment by our parents as we could wear them for a long time afterwards.



Myself in my  
Communion  
suit Jacket

We walked to school most days. If we were lucky our father would bring us in our car, a Hillman Hunter. Other days Mrs Fallon would pick us up in her car in exchange for a big bag of apples from our apples trees, near the old shop. As we got older we cycled. This was no easy feat when the high nelly was too big for you. I remember cycling it with one leg underneath the cross bar. Going down the hill this way was frightening, but thankfully I never fell off.

As we lived so close to the school we were allowed home for lunch. Before we journeyed back in autumn time we would always go pick apples from our apple trees. We would arrive in to Mr King's class with our pockets

bulging with apples. When his back was turned we would try and eat the apples as fast as we could. We also gave apples to others in our class. It did not matter if they were sweet or sour, we devoured them all!

I did not like any subjects in school, particularly Irish. I found it very hard. Mr King would often give us spelling tests. I never learned my spellings. I and Martin had a system; we tried to be the last ones up to say the spellings. As the other pupils went up we crossed that word off, so we knew we did not have to learn it. If we were lucky, we would be called up near the end and would have just have had to learn four or five spellings, instead of twenty.

I also have fond recollections of the Library Van. I loved reading and I was always excited when it came to our school. We were all let out one by one to get a book. It was great to get out of class for a few minutes, but we did not dally as if you spent too long out there you could be punished. The travelling shop is another fond memory. They never stopped at school but we loved them calling to our houses. They always held a treasure trove of items. The Hares in Tuam had two Bedford trucks as travelling shops and the Nilands had a VW bus. We loved to see the Bedfords coming as they had a lot of more things. One day, as the Hares shop parked in the boreen, which was not far across from Dunleavy's avenue, a wonderful thing happen. As we were passing on our way to school when they were opening the travelling shop door, it accidently knocked over a big box of biscuits. There was broken packs of biscuits all over the road and all of us school children quickly picked them up off the road and ran off to have a feast.

It is now so many years later, and I wonder at all the things that have changed. But my memories of Cahergal School will remain.



***Marriage Made in  
Cahergal N.S***

*Dick Holian and Eileen  
Curran*



*Terry Nalty and Mary Reynolds*

I have only a few memories of my time in Cahergal. It was an innocent time and we all wanted to escape from lessons to play. Some of the older boys loved to hide in the turf shed, not from class but to have a secret smoke. Occasionally someone would forget to put out their cigarette ends. This would result in a small fire. Loads of smoke and turf dust would be in the air and lots of excitement as a result.

Our foe was "Aloysius". No one wanted to shake hands with him. A few brave children would take him out to break him up into many pieces. They would then throw the broken pieces in to the rubbish fire at the gable end of the school. No matter how often this happened, he always returned and was more than willing to "shake hands" with all of those who paid him a visit. Farmers were our friends; especially those who drove livestock outside school. I remember Mr Martin "Boston" Donnellan knocking on the door to ask for volunteers to stand out on the road to help when moving sheep or cattle. There was never any shortage of helpers!



*Ursula Stephens and Maria Burke on their Confirmation day with Cannon Heaney*



*1976, Back Paul Mannion & Jimmy McHugh*

I started school in 1972 and there were 5 boys, Jimmy McHugh, Togher, Michael Noone, Clogherboy, Niall Boyle, Moyne, Joseph Bane, Brackloon, and Padraic Hughes, Ballina. The girls were Beryl Staunton, Clogherboy, Maire Dunleavy, Ballina, Martina Reynolds, Cloonlusk, Marie Dunleavy Coolreagh, Teresa Holian, Garra, Bernadette Kane, Cahergal, Mary Mannion, Ardawarry and Nuala Coen, Clogherboy. Our teachers were, Mr King, Mrs Fallon and Mrs Niland.

In those days we nearly always walked to school. We often walked in groups and there were often seven or eight of us going to school along our road. There were not many cars on the road so we all could walk together in a row, or have races to the top of the hill. When I was older I cycled when I got my first bike one Christmas. In autumn we would pick conkers (Horse chestnut) and thread a string through them. We would play conkers on the way to school to pass the time.

On our journey we would pass the Travellers in Barbersfort. They lived in the old round top caravans with large tents. We would often see an old man "Tinkering" beside the open fire. He made tin buckets and pots and would call to houses selling them. They would also call to houses asking for a cup of milk or sugar. Some people would also give them clothes. They moved around a lot and would come and go 3 or 4 times a year. In the summer time we often saw them in Castlemile beside the river. They would often swim there.

Once we reached school we all lined up when the bell rang. We then all went in, took out our bottle of tea and placed beside the stove to keep it warm. When flasks came in I was very proud to own one. One day I was running late for school and in my rush I dropped it and it broke. I was so disappointed, so I returned home to tell my mother the bad news. So my mother tided me up and sent me off to school with my bottle of tea!

In my first years in Cahergal, the building had no indoor plumbing or electricity. This came within a year of two of me attending school. Until the electricity came we had no indoor lighting. The new toilets were installed in rooms that use to be the cloakroom. Then the central heating and new teak windows were installed. This was great because it made the school much warmer.

I remember one funny incident that happened at school, but it was not so funny at the time for the people involved. Joseph Bane was cycling home and was travelling down the hill to Garra. He lost control of the bike and crashed into Teresa Holian, breaking her arm. The guards were called to the school a few days later, to check the bikes for lights and brakes. As we knew they were coming there were no bicycles that day! Teresa got her own back though; she would often knock you on the head with the heavy cast, as she walked to her seat in class!

Mr King taught us choir. He would often use a tuning fork, his favourite joke was to tune it on your head and say "empty"! Mr King also had "Aloysius". He kept it hidden in the class room. One day Mr King left the class room and some boys decided to get rid of "Aloysius" and broke him into 20 pieces and hid him in their desks. On Mr King's return, he missed him immediately and told everyone in the class that they could not go home till someone told him what happen. Unfortunately for the boys one girl told on them and they were punished. Today I look back and remember the good days in Cahergal. I'm glad that the school has survived sixty years and I hope it continues for another sixty!

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I cannot believe it has been 22 years since I left Cahergal School! Now I truly understand the saying 'where have all the years gone'!

I remember my days spent in national school as if it were only last year;

Mrs Fallon was our teacher from Junior Infants to 1st Class. Oh, how we used to argue over who's turn it was to stick the cards up on the wall with bluetak describing the weather etc. There wasn't a smartboard in sight! The child who got to wind open the windows would be considered very lucky indeed!

How I used to love, on those sunny days, when Mrs Niland would inform us that we were moving the class outside! It was like a military operation, moving all the desks, but a real treat! The nature walks were considered an adventure with us all lining up like little soldiers crossing the road.

Fancy notepaper was big back then and the girls would bring in their selection to swap around. It was a bonus if it was scented paper! I don't think any of it was every written on. I wonder if anyone still has their collection?!

When we got to Mr. Kings classroom, we considered ourselves the 'big' kids!

I remember the wonderful way in which he would recite poetry. Every now and then, the tuning fork would appear to try and help us all to sing in the same key — what an achievement that would be!

Every lunchtime we would be so eager to begin our game of catch. I hate to admit it but the boys were just too fast for the girls! They would have all the 'prisoners' freed from prison before we even realised it! I don't think we ever did get the better of them!

I always remember when we were leaving Cahergal, we had a leaving party in the evening. How grown up we thought we were! We watched a video and had crisps and minerals! What a treat it was for us.

It's only now, especially when I have three children of my own, two of which are now going to school, do I realise what a truly memorable and special time it is in our lives — our school days!





### **2nd & 3rd Class 1987**

*Front: Ger Cooney, Brian Nally, Derek Fahy, Padraic McGrath, Mark Nalty, Francis Fahy, Edward Ryder, Aidan Tierney, Barry Staunton, Geraldine Ryder, Evelyn Reynolds, Kathrina Kelly, Yvonne Dolan, Lillian McCabe, Linda Flesk, Breda Tierney, Tina Watts, Lorraine Heneghan, Martin Flesk, Alan Ryder, Stephen Noone, David Moggan, Mrs. Carmel Niland, Philip Niland, Richard Niland, Michael Creaven. Missing from Photograph is Linda Howley.*

### **My First Day at School**

*by Lillian McCabe Quinn*

As my little feet carried me to school  
I remember Main saying 'Now obey every rule' ! My  
little hands opened the big heavy door Everywhere I  
looked, there were children galore! To the classroom  
I went, I was so eager  
To meet Mrs. Fallon, my new school Teacher.



*Lillian McCabe*

Cahergal N.S will be remembered by everyone in their own unique way but for me it's the small memories that are the best ones. Getting new books that were inevitably coved in brown paper or sometimes wallpaper if there was a scarcity of brown paper, feeling a sense of dread when Mrs Niland took out the projector, singing Zacchaeus or being envious of Ann and Barry because they always seemed to be eating ice-cream are only some of the little things that have stuck with me down through the years. Back in Cahergal we came up with lots of smart ideas as children but in hindsight I think the teachers knew exactly what we were up to. Asking to go to the toilet after one of your friends had just gone so we could have a chat seemed like a great idea until we realised that standing in a cold smelly toilet wasn't as much of a brainwave as we had thought a few minutes earlier.



One funny memory I have is when it came to making our first confession. I remember being terrified by the prospect of telling Cannon Heaney all the grievous offences I'd committed and wondering whether or not I should tell him that I'd copied my maths homework from Declan Jennings the night before and if I did tell him would he then go and tell Mrs Flynn! I decided that he couldn't be trusted and that the best way to get around this ordeal was to make up a few sins. I looked around the classroom and decided that Brid Connolly would surely be struggling for sins as well because as far as I was aware she hasn't committed a sin in her life. I finally plucked up the courage to enquire of her as to what she was planning to tell the priest. She told me that she had an argument with her sister Áine the week before so I borrowed that one and she told me that throwing food in the bin was a sin because hungry people needed it. Those sounded good to me so away I went with a few sins to get me through the first confession.

Nineteen years on and Bríd and I both teach fifth class in Archbishop Ryan School in Lucan, Dublin. We often look back and compare school nowadays with school then and laugh at how things have changed. Classrooms have interactive whiteboards and laptops. Children have smartphones, I pods and tablets. Despite all these new innovations I'm confident there aren't any children who are as happy as we were in Cahergal.



*Back: Ms Grimes, Canon Heaney. Middle: Micheal McGrath, Declan Jennings, Tomas Burke, Padraic Flesk, Catriona Coen, Deniece Williams, John Forde, Bríd Connolly. Front Sarah Cooney and Tracey Ward*

### **My Teacher 1980**

*By Padraic Flesk to Mrs Flynn, June 1990.*

Mrs Flynn is my Teachers name, and she is very good to me.  
She has taught me how to read and write, and has learned my A, B, C's.

She tells me about Jesus, and how to love and pray,  
And she does not forget that little prayer before we start the day  
She often lets a Shout at me when I begin to chat,  
And if I took no notice of her, she would say I was a brat.

For two long years I have been with her, and to me she is the best!  
I hope God will give her health and strength to teach all the rest.

In a few weeks I am leaving her and I know I will be sad,  
The last two years I spent with her are the best I ever had.

I look back with fond memories on the days I spent in Cahergal. I suppose the fact that I chose to become a primary school teacher afterwards is testament to that. One of my favourite times in the Cahergal School calendar was the school tour. We were always given a briefing prior to the trip on the itinerary, expected codes of behaviour and what to pack. The plastic bag was a necessity for those who over indulged or who got over excited.



*Ready for Off! Sharon McGrath, Michael McGrath, Melinda Coen, Catriona Coen, Alan Forde, Sarah Cooney, Hannah Coen and Cathy Gormally.*

It was a tradition at home that I was allowed to buy a new outfit for the big event. This was like trying to purchase an ensemble for "The Oscars". Stones shop was also raided the night before so there were enough treats to last the day.

I remember the first time I was old enough to go on the senior tour. It was similar to that never ending wait for Christmas! I was so excited that I got dressed the night before and slept in my school tour gear. My packed bag was tucked under the duvet be-

side me. Sixth class were allowed to sit at the back of the bus and I thought this time would never come.

The morning of the school tour we were given a big sending off by the mummies and daddies. We would not even have reached the grand gates before you would here the wrappers opening.

My favourite school tour was our long voyage to Dublin. We visited all the main attractions. A stroll through Trinity brought us to have a peek at The Book of Kells which we were very impressed with. Dublinia was next on the list. This was a very enjoyable section of the day where you spend on afternoon waiting from someone to jump out of the vaults to scare you. I was afraid 'Strongbow' himself would come back to see us. We also squeezed in a trip to the 'Natural Archaeology Museum' to see the infamously, preserved bog bodies. The exhibition is based around the theory that human sacrifice and the deposition of the victims in bogs along tribal



*On the bus! Alan Forde, Denis Coen, Damien Flaherty, Orla McGrath, Maire Cooney and Ailish O'Connor,*

boundaries are related to sovereignty and kingship rituals during the Iron Age. Other related material displayed includes items of royal regalia, horse trappings, weapons, feasting utensils, boundary markers and votive deposits of butter known as bog butter. This was particularly of interest seeing as a large amount of bog butter was found in our own local Pollnachapall bog. We were fascinated by this as we had a lot of research done on this topic. But the part that we all looked forward to most was the shop-

ping. We were allowed free rein in "The Iliac Shopping Centre" with our £5 spending money. There was always at least one person at this stage of the day who had lost their money but there was always a friend willing to share their fortune. I remember seeing a glass lift when we entered that looked to us like an attraction from a theme park. We were straight up to have a trip to the car park hoping some of our school mates would see us on our endeavour. After a few stops to various levels of the car park, it was down to the serious business-shopping! The whole family were bought a present as they were patiently waiting our safe return!

At the end of our exciting day it was time for our trip home. There were endless discussions on what we saw but most importantly the display of items bought. Finally at our last turn on the road we are greeted by the "Grand gates" the lines of cars and parents. As we alight from the bus, the excitement of the whole day erupts again as we tell our parents of our adventures..... great times, great friends, and great memories!



*Back row L-r: Linda Flesk, Donal Williams, Geraldine Flesk, Teresa Murphy, and ? Creaven.*

*Front row L-r: Sinead Fahy, Brid Williams and Denise Williams*



*Back- Declan Jennings, Brid Connolly, Catriona Coen, Deniece Williams, Sarah Cooney, Padraig Flesk*

I'd like to think that I could remember my first day at school.

However the truth is, through the fog of the following 25 years, I have no idea how my first day went. I probably cried and wailed as my parents left the room and made the short journey back home. I'm sure I thought I wouldn't enjoy being told what to do by a "teacher". No doubt I was shy around all the new boys and girls and teachers.

But over the course of the next 8 years, a lot of lessons were learned, both in books and on the playground. The bewildering multiplication tables began to make sense, copy books were filled with perfectly formed handwriting and completed sums, and goals that went over or under the imaginary crossbar were argued and scores and teams were negotiated.

Behind all these experiences were the excellent teaching staff of Sally Flynn and Carmel Niland, among others, who encouraged our abilities and nurtured our talents. From bringing in exotic samples for the nature table, the tireless direction of the nativity play, granting the privilege of cleaning the dusters outside, or setting up the projector and film there was always something exciting to look forward to!

Our class was small, only 9 boys and girls, and every class after ours was bigger. I am only too aware, that as teacher pupil ratios increase, the attention afforded to us is now becoming all too rare. The fact too, that I was able to attend a school that was only a few minutes' walk away, is a luxury that many children (or parents) can't enjoy.

But no matter how small our school might have been, we were never lacking for activities, from attending table quizzes (and winning a few here and there!), going on school trips to the far corners of Ireland, or sports days that were so well organised we never seemed to be lacking for anything.



## School Days By Declan Jennings . Class 1987-1995

Of course, I now know that this was not the case – schools can always do with extra resources, and our school was no different. But due to the efforts of my parents and teachers I know that I could not have had a better national school education. I also know that any subsequent education and opportunities that I have enjoyed owe a lot to my time in Cahergal National School.

As I see my little nieces and nephews go to Cahergal National School, I hope that they can take as many happy memories from their experiences as I have from mine. I know Cahergal would benefit greatly from 60 more years of the top class education provided in the school in the last 60 years.



SECOND CLASS 1991-1992

*Back Row: Dennis Coen, Damien Flaherty, Sarah Cooney, Ailish O'Connor, Orla McGrath, Paul Whyte, Joseph King, Carmel Niland,*

*Second Row: Damien Tierney, Catriona Coen, Declan Jennings, Deniece William, Alan Forde, Brid Connolly, Tomas Burke, Padraic Flesk,*

*Third Row: Cathy Gormally, Sarah Nestor, John Forde, Sean Kilkelly, Melinda Coen, Sharon McGrath, Front: Michael McGrath, Kathleen Cooney, Michael Coen, Hannah Coen, Michael Holian.*

## School Days by Sandra McGrath, Feigh North. Class 1992-2000

There were three of us who attended Cahergal, myself, my bother Noel and my sister Aoife. I remember my first day vividly. My mother and father Jimmy and Patricia McGrath brought me into Mrs Flynn's classroom. I remember that it was homely and full of new and exciting toys. I settled in comfortably and started meeting my new friends. I was so busy I did not notice my parents leave! And so began my education in Cahergal.

My fondest memories are of the many Christmas plays we did over the years. My first role was as a rag doll in Junior Infants. I don't remember the story we told but I do recall all the excitement and fun we had. We are all very proud of the characters we had to play and delighted to have the opportunity to paint our faces and wear funny clothes! I also played Mummy Bear in sixth class and I wore a fur coat! I was very hot in it but the show had to go on! There was always a great buzz before the performances and we eagerly watched our parent taking their seats. We then waited for teacher to give us our cue and then our dreams of stardom began!

The sports day was always a great favourite. We all hoped and prayed to win a medal! I recall all the exciting events, running, the sack race, the egg and spoon race and the much coveted slow bicycle race, which I never mastered. At the end of each race, especially on a hot day the most pres-



*Back: Sean Nalty, Jennifer Heneghan, Claire Nestor, Sandra McGrath, Anne McGrath, Catriona Delaney, John Gormally. Front: Frances Nalty, Johnathan Coen, Henry Kelly, Joseph Holian, Shane Mannion, David Cooney and Katie McGrath.*

tigious event was the race to the ice-cream fridge for refreshment! Choc-ice, loop the loop, Ice burger and orange pops were the prize, if you had the patience to wait in the line!

School tours were another exciting event. The early morning starts, long journeys on the bus and the many sights we saw. Dublin Zoo was a particular favourite, with all the many different

## School Days by Sandra McGrath, Feigh North. Class 1992-2000

and curious animals. I went there when I was in first class and my brother Noel was in junior infants. He was very interested in birds and when he saw the geese he proceeded to chase them!

Communion and Confirmation were important events that we prepared for in our school. Fr Waldron was our school Chaplin and he visited us often to prepare us for these Holy Sacraments. Our Holy Communion was an exciting time. The search for my communion dress was my favourite Mission. And on our Communion day the march up the isle made us feel grown up and just like our parents.

Our Confirmation was a much more serious affair. I remember learning the beatitudes and hymns in our preparation for confirmation. I was selected to say a reading at our confirmation and I was very nervous but I was delighted to be chosen. As I look back on my school days, I remember all the positive role models and friend that I made. They all helped me become what I am today and encouraged me on the path to become a teacher.

### Leaving....with a clean sheet 1993 Donal Willaims Class 1985-1993



*Leaving....with a clean sheet. Donal Williams (12), Clogherboy, Tuam, can leave Cahergal National School with his head held high – he never missed a day in his eight years there. Donal, son of Tommy and Mary Williams, was made a presentation by his teachers to mark his achievement.*

*Tuam Herald, 3rd July 1993*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The new principal of Cahergal School, Carmel Niland, presents Donal Williams with an award for his perfect attendance record. Also in the picture are his father Tommie, some of his school mates and Sally Flynn N.T.



## School Days by Majella McNamee, Togher. Class 1994-2002



*Louise Moggan  
and Majella  
McNamee their*

I started Cahergal School in senior infants September 1994. I had spent my junior infant's year in a school where my grandmother taught in the Aran Islands. One of the first friends I made was Louise Moggan and to this day we remain best friends. I have many fond memories of my time spent in Cahergal. My earliest memory of a school tour was a trip to Dublin Zoo by train from Athenry. We went on another trip to the Aqua Dome in Tralee. I remember sitting on a moving carriage in the Geraldine experience, amazed at the stories being told of the famine and how real it all felt to be there. We received our first Holy Communion in 1997 and Confirmation in 2000. They were great celebrations thanks to our teachers Mrs Fileas Keady, Mrs Carmel Niland and Fr Kieran Waldron for all their hard work and preparation.

Reading was always encouraged in Cahergal, every year we took part in MRS Readathon and this helped me appreciate the enjoyment of reading as I grew older. Our sports day was always enjoyable; we waited in anticipation for the slow bicycle race to see who would be the first to fall off. The day always finished off with the finals of junior and senior football. There were 10 pupils in my class when I first started in Cahergal and 14 pupils graduated in 2001. Finally I would like to thank all the teachers for all their guidance and inspiration during my time in Cahergal. Mrs Eileen McGrath, Mrs Della Healy, Mr O'Neill, Mrs Fileas Keady, Mrs Sally Flynn, Mrs Carmel Niland. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

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## A new beginning, by Joseph Killilea, Cahergal. Class 2000-2004

I started in Third Class in Cahergal National School in September 2000. My family had just moved back to their native Galway from London, not unlike a lot of their generation. With the growing economy there was ample opportunity to return. We built a house on the hill up from the school. The close proximity to the school created a far greater sense of involvement and community spirit than there had been in my previous school.

My teacher in Third Class was Mrs Sally Flynn. There were nine of us in the class, five girls and four boys. We sat in the same room as the Fourth Class and were taught by the same teacher. The year I had left in London consisted of 70 kids, divided into two thirty-five student classes. There was definitely a greater attention and even care paid to each individual student. In truth I was a mediocre student at best in London. The two years I spent in Mrs Flynn's class brought me on leaps and bounds academically.

I played in the Junior League my first year in the school. There was Junior League and Senior League, kindly organised and supervised at lunchtimes by Mrs Flynn. League games would be played throughout the year with the top two teams playing a final at the sports day. My first year in the school I was delighted to captain a team (as all the boys in third class did) and even more jubilant to win it at my first sports day!

It's crazy now when I think how much it changed my life moving from the hustle and bustle of a central London primary school to a rural West of Ireland National School. My path in life was definitely changed enormously and I know now the people that taught me in Cahergal had hugely positive effects on my childhood.



*Sixth Class: 2003-2004*

*Back: Carmel Niland, Rosanne McNamee, Charlotte Donnellan, Joseph Killilea, Maire McGrath, Kim Flaherty. Back: Anthony Gillooly, Patricia Forde, Christopher McNamee, Hannah Roche, Keith Mannion, Yvonne Coen.*

## School Days by Fiona Holian, Ballina. Class 2003-2011

I started attending Cahergal N.S in September 2003. There were twelve of us in the class from Junior Infants up to 6th class, five other girls; Grace Donnellan, Michaela Watts, Rebecca Flaherty, Ciara Fahy and Anna Ainsworth and six boys - Jamie Reilly, Oisín Nestor, Mark Coleman, Michael Coleman, Glen Tynan and Andrew Hughes.



I have some great memories of my time in Cahergal, making my First Holy Communion and my Confirmation, school sports, school tours, football matches, plays and dancing lessons. One of my favourite memories was entering all the various competitions and throughout my time I won a number of prizes. The school always entered students into Write a Book, Hand Writing, Art and Scríobh a Leabhar competitions, Credit Union quizzes and football blitz.

I was in Senior Infants when I won my first competition with "Write a Book". I called my book "I love dolls". In the course of my eight years in Cahergal I won the "Write a Book" competition three times. I really enjoyed putting those books together. In 2nd class I came third in Co. Galway in a hand writing competition and I won a "Scríobh a Leabhar" competition once. Another great memory I have is the annual school sports and the excitement of taking part in running races, egg and spoon and sack race. I loved taking part and also watching the younger and older classes participate. The highlight of the evening ended with the final of senior classes football blitz.

We always had great fun rehearsing our lines and dressing up for the Christmas and Easter plays. At Christmas the junior classes used to perform the traditional Nativity play, while the senior classes performed various other productions. At Easter, the senior classes used to perform the Stations of the Cross.

Throughout my time in Cahergal I had lovely Teachers, Ms. Healy, Ms. McGrath, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Leonard. As a class we got on really well and had some great fun times together. I was sad leaving Cahergal in 2011 but the teachers had us well prepared for the move to secondary school.



We only lived around the corner from the Cahergal School and as all the children from the our road were in Cahergal together we all called for each other on our way to school. We were the furthest away and on our way always early, we meet up with the Gilhooleys, Amy and Anthony, next were the Mannions, James, Daniel, Sean and Lisa and Paul and Derek Fanning. As we reached the school the rest of the friends would already be there we would have our early morning game of soccer. Sally Flynn used to be outside the front door having an early cup of tea keeping a watchful eye on us. The annual school tours which usually took place in early June. Our first school tour in junior infants was a tour to Dublin Zoo. We went on the train, all 28 of us, and walked from Heuston Station to the Phoenix Park where we all sat on the ledge at the entrance of the Phoenix Park for a rest. We went on many tours; to Petersberg, Kilmainham Jail, Bunratty Castle, Aill-wee Caves. These were the annual day out with the friends under the watchful eyes of our teachers. We were on our best behaviour or we tried to be.

Our best memories from Cahergal were the sports days We spent the weeks before, practicing the running as it was a big competition to see who



*Sixth Class 2010-2011*

*Back: Miss Leonard N.T., Oisín Nestor, Rebecca Flaherty, Grace Donnellan, Michaela Watts, Fiona Holian, Mark Coleman. Front: Anna Ainsworth, Michael Coleman, Andrew Hughes, Jamie Reilly, Glen Tyan, Ciara Fahy*

won the sprint each year and who would retain their title from the previous year. The highlight on sports day was the football league. These matches were played at lunch time every Thursday and the final was always played on sports day. We loved the sports day shop which was held out of the back of Helen's car and any sweets left over were sold the following day at break.

Our thanks to all our teachers through our time in Cahergal, Carmel Niland, Sally Flynn, Eileen McGrath, Dela Healy, Liz Kelly, Phillis Keady,

In 2001 Cahergal N.S. won the Cumann na mBunscol 9-a-side for the very first time by defeating Garrafrauns N.S. in the final at Tuam Stadium. Final score, Cahergal N.S. 7-9 Garrafrauns N.S. 0-7. It was a momentous occasion for all of the Cahergal team, management & supporters.

The team was managed by John Hughes and Sally Flynn and without their hard work none of it would have been possible. A massive effort was put in from all the players and management from the start of the year. We trained twice a week with Cahergal and most of us also played football for Killererin so we were training a few evenings with the club. We all knew John and he knew us very well as he managed us from the first day we started playing with Killererin.

It was very special for all of the players because we were not only team mates; we were best friends who had grown up together playing football in the school yard. It was an important time for the community and one that won't be forgotten as Cahergal was decorated with homemade bunting and flags made by the students, teachers and parents. Each of whom gave tremendous support towards the lads on the team and made the day so enjoyable.

Winning this cup will live in our memories forever as it was the first competition we won together as a team. Cahergal N.S. means a lot to us because it is where we all started out and learned how to play football. Most of us have gone on to play football with our club Killererin and a lot of us have won medals at underage, junior and senior levels in the League and Championship.




*Back Left: Paul Fanning, Brian Miskell, Barry Cunningham, Noel McGrath, Jason Coen, Dermot Forde, Shane Brady, Oliver Hughes, Daniel Mannion*

*Front Left: Jamie Stephens, Adrian Nolan, Gearóid Connolly, Niall Stephens, Daragh Williams, James Mannion, Shane Hughes, Colin Forde, Fergal Henderdos*




Pictured at the presentation of a 1982 National Savings Merit Award to Cahergal School, Tuam, are from left to right: Mr Gerard King, Principal, Sonny Jennings, School Board Member, Mrs Mary Fallon, N.T.; Very Rev. Archdeacon Heaney, P.P.; Chairman, School Board; Mr Vivian Murray, National Savings Committee; Mr Niall O 'Dea, Head Post master, Tuam; Mrs Carmel Niland, N. T.; and Mr Pat Carey, National Savings Committee. The schoolchildren accepting the Award on behalf of the school are from left to right: Francis Flaherty, Jimmy Moggan, Marie Hughes, and Una Noone. Galway Advertiser 1982



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CAHERGAL N.S. Footballers June 1990  
Back row l-r: Michael Creaven, Barry Stanton, Alan Ryder, Padraig McGrath, Brian Nalty, David Moggan, Derek Fahy, Richard Niland, Martin Flesk, John Paul Ryder, Mark Nalty, Tony Noone, Eugene Cooney, Cathriona Kelly, Ger Cooney.  
Front row l-r: Alan Heneghan, Donal Williams, Cathal Heneghan, Brian Fay, Brendan Tierney, Sean Kilkelly and Owen Jennings



Winner's 5-a-side schools competition 1991 (trained by Ollie Forde) Back row l-r ? White, Richard Niland, Donal Williams.  
Front row L-r: Alan Forde, ? Ryder, Paul Flaherty.

Cycling to school in three's and four's,  
That's something you just don't see any-more

All pretty and perfect with ribbons and bows, That's long before the uniform you know.

Hurry up now before the bell rings,  
You don't want to meet "Aloysius" with Mr. King!

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Gaeilge agus gáire, Tá an Cigire ag teacht, Bigí ciúin agus bigí go maith!

Art and tin whistle, knitting cushions with Mrs Flynn, The Nativity at Christmas, Oh how we would sing!

Lessons all over, its home time again, So it's off down the road, with our satchels and ink pens.

Now the years have moved on, sixty years you know,  
Alas, some of our school friends no longer live on.

So come join the celebrations, share a story or two with us, Because school days, were great days, with friends old and new!

*By Evelyn Reynolds Carr*



Discover Science 2006 For the second year in a row, Cahergal NS were presented with an Award of Excellence in the Discover Science Programme. Teachers Carmel Niland, Eileen McGrath and three pupils – Sean Nicholson, Megan Murphy and Dylan Moggan, travelled to Birr, Co. Offally to accept the award.

#### Discover Science 2007

For 3rd year in a row Cahergal NS were presented with an Award of Excellence in the Discover Science Awards. Accepting the award are, Teachers Della Healy and Sally Flynn with Laura Fahy, Own Nally and Megan Baol. Pictured with Leo Enwright and Kathriona Devereux of RTE



#### Discover Science 2010

Cahergal N.S. choldre3n with their co-ordinator Della Healy received an Award of Science nad Maths excellence in the Discovery Primary Science programme 2010



## Achievements & Memories!



The Winners of the St. Jarlath's Credit Union Quiz 1995 were Cahergal N.S. Pictured here is Declan Jennings, Brid Connolly, Sarah Cooney and Majella Delaney with their teacher Mrs. Carmel Niland (centre) and members of the sponsoring body St. Jar-



2005 Pictured above are the Cahergal N.S senior quiz team after coming 2nd in the Credit Union Quiz, front row. Sean Mannion, Finbar Murphy, Ross Loughlin and Jamie hare.

Credit Union Quiz winners  
1999,CHEAKKKK



## Achievements & Memories!



Cahergal Green Flag 2006

Cahergal N.S. had their Green Flag raising ceremony on June 16th, 2006. The flag was raised by Kate Cunningham in 6th class assisted by Joey Burke from Junior Infants. Also in attendance were the Board of Management members, Deputy Mayor Tiernan Walsh Councillor Tom McHugh, Deputy Paul Connaughton and Mark Molloy, environmental officer from Galway Co. Council. All the children and staff partook in the celebrations after achieving Green Flag status



Back: Gerry Fahy, Shane Jennings, Bernard Coen, Gerry Coen, Peter Noone, Gary Considine, Mrs Carmel Niland. Middle: Elizabeth Jennings, Michelle King, Pam Staunton, Patricia Howley, Stella McGrath, Caroline Heneghan, Kathleen Howley, Breda Kilkelly, Celine king, Stephanie Fahy, Treasa Murphy, Front: Martin Cunningham, Robert Walsh, Paul Heneghan, Micheal Jennings, ??? Kenny Watts, Alan Staunton, Martin Cooney, David Fahy. Circa 1983





Children from Cahergal National School, Tuam, are starting a local history museum in their school and they are pictured here with some interesting items including lanterns, farm implements, a bayonet, cobbler's last, and the oldest of all, a 300 million year old fossil held by Evelyn Reynolds in the centre of the group. Tuam Herald, February 4th, 1989.



Karate Pencil Case, Dylan Powell and Robert Stephens visit Cahergal after going through to the next round of "All Ireland Talent Show" March 2011

Dylan Powell in the "Voice of Ireland" Talent Show 2013

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## Achievements & Memories!



1999 Frank Fox Cup gone to Mrs Healys Head!



1999 Mrs Flynn Lifts the Frank Fox Cup



Padraic Joyce visits the School after Galway winning 1998 All Ireland Football Final.



Halloween 1980s Back: Olivia Dunleavy. Front: Linda Howely, Elaine Dunleavy and Evelyn Renynolds Carr



Halloween 2012, Patrick Balfe (Linda Howleys son) and Callum Carr ( Reynolds Carr son)

## Achievements & Memories!



Colin Forde returns to the school after been full back on the All Ireland Minor Team 2007



Olivia Dunleavy and Maria Burke with Mrs. Fallon on their Communion Day, Circa 1985



Chloe Nalty Winner of Write a book 2006



Jennifer Hughes, winner of 1st place in the ESB Handwriting Awards 2005



Runners up in Cumann na m Bunscoil Final 2006



5-a-side team 1991 (trained by Ollie Forde) Back row L-r: Eugene Cooney, J.P. Ryder. Front row I-r: P. White, M. Nalty R.I.P. and Eamonn Kilkelly.





*Sixth class 1991-92, Back row: JP Ryder, Cathal Heneghan, Eugene Cooney, Owen Jennings Front row: Eamonn Kilkelly, Regina Craven, Gretta McGrath, Richard Niland*

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**Cahergal National School**

It's been a year for the children of Cahergal National School who have achieved a great deal of success over the past twelve months.

Thomas Kelly (P6) and his team of four achieved a fantastic result in the recent National School Cross Country Competition. They were the only school in the area to achieve a top three finish.

The school is celebrating the recent confirmation that it has been sanctioned a new school building, with a design team appointed and construction date of autumn 2015 identified.

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100 as first week of participation in the school's 100th anniversary celebrations. The children were very proud to be part of this special occasion.

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Three children holding a certificate.



A group of children sitting at a table.



A group of children standing together.



A group of children standing together.



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## My Memories of Cahergal.

My first memories of Cahergal are not very pleasant because going to school was a new experience. I didn't want to go but I had to. My mam brought me into the classroom and introduced me to my teacher Mrs. Healy. I was upset because I didn't want my mam to leave. One of the girls in my class Chloe Nalty came up to me and said something that made me laugh and it still makes me laugh when I think of it today. Another girl introduced herself as Gillian Tynan and introduced her cousin Dean Roche, and her neighbour Dean Mannion came up to me and shook my hand. I got to know Lorraine, Michelle, Ceileigh, Megan, Ciara and Niamh. The next memory I have is going into first class and my teacher was Mrs. McGrath. I remember my communion day in second class. I remember going into third class and I was scared of all I'd heard about Mrs. Flynn the principal. But after a few days being there I realized that she was just like any other teacher. I was looking forward to going into Ms. Kelly's room. I remember making my confirmation. I remember our school tour to Hudson Bay because I had a great time on the bus with my friends that I will have forever. I have had a great eight years in Cahergal and as I prepare to go to secondary school I will never forget the school. Even though I'm looking forward to secondary school, I will be sad to leave my friends and all the teachers behind.

By Jade Moggan

## My memories of Cahergal

From my first day at Cahergal N.S the teachers were all friendly and helpful. Sometimes maybe they would give out. Looking forward to sports day every year was always exciting as we had good fun competing against the class in the races (depending on the weather) as it could have been called off the last minute. Our participation in the peace proms with the cross boarder Orchestra of Ireland stands out in my memories as the pupils from third to sixth class performed on stage at Leisure land in Galway. We had to sing and dance with other schools from all over county Galway, These are just a few of my memories from my time at Cahergal N.S.

By Megan Boal.

## My memories of Cahergal

I still remember my first day of school and what I was wearing. I was wearing a pink flowery t-shirt. Mrs. Healy was my first teacher. I had her for two years. I was a shy girl at first but as I got used to the school I became to know all my friends and I am still friends with them now. My communion day was on the 16th of May 2011. Which I celebrate with Mrs. Healy. My confirmation was on the 27th of April 2012, which I celebrate with Mrs. Kelly. In third and fourth class we had Mrs. Flynn and in first class we had Mrs. McGrath. I really made a lot of memories in Cahergal.

By Chloe Nalty



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## My Memories of Cahergal

Even to this day I remember my first day in Cahergal. I was only four years old when I started primary school. When my friends and I first met that day most of us were afraid of each other. When Jade first met me she cried. My first friends in primary school are still friends with me today. My Friends are loyal, funny, smart and lots of other things and one thing I can say about meeting them is, if I didn't come to Cahergal I wouldn't have my best friends. My teachers are kind and caring and they make sure you're doing the best you can in your work. I was taught by Mrs. Healy for most of my years in Cahergal, for juniors, seniors and second class. I was taught by Mrs. Flynn for third and fourth class. I was taught by Mrs. McGrath for first class. I am now with Mrs. Kelly, she has taught me for the past two years. I loved having all those teachers and I am really going to miss them when I move to secondary school later this year.

Sports days are one of the most active and fun days in all the year. It's fun having races with your friends and having a laugh. Every year all of the pupils come and have a bit of competition and they also have fun. My favourite part of the day is the parent's race. The nerves seem to be on the adults not the kids. Always the week sports day is on is the most exciting week of the year.

My communion and confirmation were the biggest days of my time in Cahergal. It was fun and also nerve wrecking. When you were really nervous the teachers were there to help you calm down. For my communion I remember Mrs. Healy pretended wafers were the body of Christ. For my confirmation we did lots of art and a lot of time and effort was put into my communion and my confirmation. I have won a few different awards in my time in Cahergal. I have won handwriting in second class. I have earned a green schools certificate. I have won medals and trophies for basketball league, Gaelic league and also sports day medals. Since I have been in Cahergal I have taken part in numerous plays. Christmas plays and Easter plays. I have enjoyed taking part in all of them and I certainly enjoyed my time in Cahergal

*By Cellaigh Walsh*

## My Memories of Cahergal

If I didn't go to Cahergal N.S, I wouldn't have such great friends as the girls that are in my class now. The girls are kind, funny, smart and all have different personalities. Dean M, Dean R, Fergal and Joey were all in my class, now we are left with Dean M. He may be silly but he is also a good friend.

I can still remember my first Holy Communion. Mrs. Healy was very helpful in this holy part of our lives. I also have to thanks Ms. Kelly for helping us get ready for our confirmation, last year. Sports day is very good in our school, we have a running race, egg and spoon race and sack race, which is really funny. So far in Cahergal I have got two or more medals every year for sports day. The best part of sports day is the junior and senior league. I hope our team will get through to the final again this year. Last but not least the teachers of Cahergal. Every teacher in this school are very kind and helpful to everyone in the school. I am going to miss Cahergal very much especially the helpful and kind teachers.

*By Gillian Tynan*



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*SENIOR INFANTS Back Row: Oisín Phelan, Seán Jennings, Calum McGovern Shane Colman, Claire Meenaghan Front Row: Aisling Noone, Lee Watts, Cathal Fahy, Dhiarmuid Boyle Coen and Sarah Mongey*



*FIRST CLASS Back row: Ruairí Berry, Calum Carr, Conan Tobin, Ryan Flaherty, Patrick Balfe Front row: Maeve Killilea, Orlaith Begley, Lorna McHugh, Aoife Doherty, Aoife Meenaghan*

## The Classes of 2012-2013



*Second Class Back Row: Oisín Murphy, Keelan Wilson, Stephen Cunningham, Kevin Fahy, Jake Moggan, James Watts, Roisin Forde Front Row: Caoimhe Fahy, Ciaran Barry, Taylor Walsh, Rachael Stephens, Brian Traynor and Caoimhe Jordan*



*Third Class Back Row: Alice Moggan, Ross Fahy, Cormack O'Brien, Laura Meenaghan, Ryan O'Connor, Eoin Barry, Jeff Roche, Eleanor McNamee Front Row: Sive Tobin, Dylan Cooney, Kelly Wilson, Aoibheann Phelan, Niamh Welby, Patrick McGovern, Cathal Coleman and Alex Shaughnessy*



*Fourth Class Back Row: Claire Donohue, T.J. McHugh, Calan Tynan, Eliza Powell, Cliona Fahy, Rachel Flaherty Front Row: Claire Traynor, Nicola Ainsworth, Caríosa Coen, Aaron Moggan and Kealan Cooke*

## The Classes of 2012-2013



*Fifth Class Back Row: Kieran Flaherty, Lana Moggan, Dean Roche Front row: Emma Barry, Ethan Leonard, Ciara Do-*



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**Cosgrove** Mary, Ballina  
**Cosgrove** Nora, Garra  
**Delaney** Kathleen, Brackloon  
**King** Carmel, Clogherboy  
**King** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Nalty** Sean, Garra

**1953**

**Burke** Bridie, Coolreagh  
**Burke** Noel, Garra  
**Farrell** John, Togher  
**Farrell** Rose Ann, Togher  
**Gilmore** Paddy, Ballina  
**Heneghan** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Mullins** Mary Ellen, Feigh North  
**Nally** Matt, Garra  
**Nalty** Matt, Garra  
**Nestor** Mary, Feigh North  
**O'Donnell** Nora, Feigh North  
**Ryan** Antony, Togher, Coolreagh  
**Senior** Treasa, Feigh

**1954**

**Burke** Breda, Ballina  
**Burke** Tom, Togher  
**Fahy** Christy, Garraun  
**Fahy** Máire Brid, Garraun  
**Heneghan** Bríd, Clogherboy  
**Hughes** Bernard, Clogherboy  
**Jennings** Sonny, Barbersfort  
**King** Treasa, Clogherboy  
**Senior** Breda, Feigh  
**Tierney** Oliver, Cloonlusk

**1955**

**Boyle** Frank (Francie), Moyne  
**Farrell** May Jo, Togher  
**Flatherty** Stephen, Ballina  
**Heneghan** Patsy, Clogherboy  
**King** Gerry, Clogherboy  
**Nally** Mary, Ballina  
**Nestor** Mattie, Feigh North  
**Nestor** Patrick, Feigh North  
**O'Donnell** Michael, Feigh North  
**O'Donnell** Catherine, Feigh North  
**Senior** Mary, Feigh

**1956**

**Boyle** Gabriel, Moyne  
**Burke** John, Ballina  
**Burke** Julianne, Garra  
**Burke** Martin, Garra

**Carey** Peter, Garra  
**Connolly** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Curran** Christine, Garra  
**Curran** Eileen, Garra  
**Fahy** Ina, Garraun  
**Fahy** John, Garraun  
**Farrell** Bríd, Togher  
**Holian** Dick, Garra  
**Jennings** Mary, Cahergal  
**Mullins** Josie, Coolreagh  
**Noone** James, Clogherboy

**1957**

**Boyle** Mary, Moyne  
**Burke** Jarlath, Ballina  
**Burke** Peggy, Coolreagh  
**Farrell** Jarlath, Togher  
**Flatherty** Benedict (Benny), Ballina  
**Flatherty** Kathleen, Ballina  
**Howle y** Paddy, Coolreagh  
**Loughlin** Joe, Ballina  
**McGrath** Seán Bernard, Feigh North  
**Reilly** Ann, Brackloon

**1958**

**Boyle** Breda, Moyne  
**Burke** Barbara, Garra  
**Coen** Freddy, Gortbeg  
**Connolly** Patricia (Patty), Clogherboy  
**Holian** Nora, Garra  
**McGrath** Patsy, Moyne  
**Nalty** Ann, Ballina  
**Ryder** Treasa, Clogherboy  
**Senior** Kathleen, Feigh North  
**Williams** Brian, Clogherboy

**1959**

**Coen** Thomas, Gortbeg  
**Flatherty** Gerald, Ballina  
**Heneghan** Gerry, Clogherboy  
**Howely** Tomas, Coolreagh  
**Hughes** Martin, Clogherboy  
**Jennings** Gerard, Barbersfort  
**O'Donnell** Martin, Feigh North  
**Reilly** Tony, Brackloon  
**Ryder** Edward, Clogherboy  
**Senior** Eileen, Feigh North  
**Williams** Tommy, Clogherboy

**1960**

**Burke** Catherine, Ballina  
**Burke** Joe, Ballina  
**Burke** Lilly, Ballina  
**Burke** P.J., Coolreagh



**Connolly** Gerry, Clogherboy  
**Holian**, Catherine, Garra  
**Hughes** Chrissie, Ballina  
**O'Donnell** Mary, Feigh North  
**Reilly** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Reilly** Sean, Clogherboy  
**1961**  
**Boyle** Christine (Tina), Feigh North  
**Farrell** Margaret, Togher  
**Heneghan** Jack, Clogherboy  
**Holian** Paddy, Garra  
**McGrath** Oliver, Feigh North  
**Noone** Gerry, Clogherboy  
**Noone** Tony, Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Williams** Maureen, Clogherboy  
**1962**  
**Boyle** Noel, Feigh North  
**Burke** Gerry, Garraun  
**Burke** Seamus, Garra  
**Coen** Jimmy, Gortbeg  
**Connolly** Bernadette, Clogherboy  
**Fahy** Aine/Ann, Garraun  
**Holian** Martin, Garra  
**McGrath** Jimmy, Feigh North  
**O'Donnell** Bridie, Feigh North  
**Ryder** Martin, Clogherboy  
**1963**  
**Boyle** Joe, Feigh North  
**Burke** Carmel, Garra  
**Burke** Eileen, Ballina  
**Carr** Aine , Garra  
**Carr** Eamonn (5th Class), Garra  
**Carr** Máire , Garra  
**Carr** Padraig, Garra  
**Carr** Sile, Garra  
**Carr** Veronica, Garra  
**Coen** Treasa, Gortbeg  
**Connolly** Liam, Clogherboy  
**Fahy** Thomas Gerard, Garraun  
**Heneghan** Ann, Clogherboy  
**Holian** Mary Ellen, Clogherboy  
**Hughes** Joseph Ballina  
**Noone** Jarlath Clogherboy  
**Reilly** Kieran Clogherboy  
**Williams** Pauline Clogherboy  
**1964**  
**Coen** Joe, Gortbeg  
**Considine** John, Garraun  
**Fahy** Majella, Garraun

**Fahy** Mary Ellen, Garraun  
**Fahy** Thomas Gerard, Garraun  
**Fahy** Valerie, Garraun  
**Hughes** Gregory, Clogherboy  
**Noone** John, Clogherboy  
**1965**  
**Boyle** Angela, Feigh North  
**Boyle** Geraldine, Feigh North  
**Boyle** Joan, Feigh North  
**Coen** Kathleen, Clogherboy  
**Coen** Maureen, Clogherboy  
**Considine** Padraic, Garraun  
**Fahy** Maria, Garraun  
**Forde** Christy, Garra  
**Forde** Tom, Garra  
**Forde** (2nd class) John, Garra  
**Forde** (5th Class) Martin, Garra  
**Holian** John, Garra  
**Hughes** Padraic, Clogherboy  
**Nic Giollarnáí/Forde?** (1st Class) Nora Aine, Garra  
**Nic Giollarnáí/Forde?** (3rd Class) Máire, Garra  
**Reilly** Barbara , Clogherboy  
**Williams** Michael, Clogherboy  
**1966**  
**Burke** Peter, Ballina  
**Coen** Evelyn, Clogherboy  
**Cunningham** Mary, Togher  
**Cunningham** Willie, Togher  
**Fahy** Paul, Garraun  
**Holian** Bridie, Garra  
**1967**  
**Boyle** Cathal, Moyne  
**Cunningham** Cait/Bernadette?, Togher  
**Cunningham** Patrick, Togher  
**Forde** Gerry, Garra  
**Hegarty** (1st class) John, Togher  
**Noone** James Clogherboy  
**O'Leery** (1st class) Davin/David Togher  
**O'Leery** (1st class) Ian, Togher  
**Reilly** Geraldine, Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Mairéad Clogherboy  
**Williams** Kevin, Clogherboy  
**1968**  
**Bane** Frances, Ballina  
**Coen** Angela, Clogherboy  
**Coen** Bridie, Clogherboy  
**Coen** Peter, Garra  
**Considine** Caroline, Garraun

**Dunleavy** Pat, Coolreagh  
**Fahy** Gerry, Ballina  
**Fahy** Martina, Garraun  
**Fahy** Peter, Garraun  
**Holian** Christina, Garra  
**McHugh** Tom, Togher  
**1969**  
**Boyle** Deirdre, Moyne  
**Coen** Frank, Garra  
**Coen** (1st class) Treasa , Togher  
**Cunningham** Margaret, Togher  
**Dunleavy** Murt, Coolreagh  
**Forde** Brid, Garra  
**Holian** Margaret, Garra  
**Hughes** Peter, Togher  
**Kenny** (1st class) Thomas, Togher  
**Kenny** (4th class) Joe, Togher  
**Noone** Mary, Clogherboy  
**Reilly** Thomas , Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Kevin, Togher  
**Williams** Christy, Clogherboy  
**1970**  
**Bane** Michael, Ballina  
**Boyle** Damien, Moyne  
**Coen** Teresa, Gortbeg  
**Considine** Tony, Garraun  
**Dunleavy** Billy, Coolreagh  
**Fahy** Cyril, Garraun  
**Forde** Pat, Garra  
**Holian** Marita, Clogherboy  
**Hughes** Gerry, Ballina  
**Keane** John, Cahergal  
**Keane** Martin, Cahergal  
**McGrath** John, Clogherboy  
**McHugh** Terry, Togher  
**Noone** Padraic, Clogherboy  
**Reynolds**, Mary, Garra  
**Stephens** Enda, Togher  
**1971**  
**Bane**, Martin, Ballina  
**Coen** Michael, Gortbeg  
**Cunningham** Eileen/Helen, Togher  
**Cunningham** Geraldine, Togher  
**Fahy**, Brendan ?  
**Fahy** Carmel Garraun  
**McGrath** Donncha, Clogherboy  
**Reilly**, Carmel, Togher  
**Staunton** Kevin, Clogherboy  
**Staunton** Valerie, Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Thomas, Togher

**Williams** Oliver ?  
**1972**  
**Bane** Joseph, Brackloon  
**Boyle** Niall, Moyne  
**Coen** Nuala, Clogherboy  
**Dunleavy** Maire, Ballina  
**Dunleavy** Marie, Coolreagh  
**Holian** Treasa, Garra  
**Hughes** Padraic, Ballina  
**Keane** Bernadette, Cahergal  
**Mannion** Mary, Barbersfort  
**Mannion** Paul, Barbersfort  
**McHugh** Jimmy, Togher  
**Noone** Michael , Clogherboy  
**Reynolds** Martina, Cloonlusk  
**Staunton** Beryl, Clogherboy  
**1973**  
**Coen** Martin, Garra  
**Cunningham** Carmel, Togher  
**King** (1st Class) Fergal, Tuam  
**Reilly** Michael, Clogherboy  
**1974**  
**Bane** Fergal, Brackloon  
**Boyle** Claire, Moyne  
**Flannery** Vincent, Feigh  
**Hughes** Mary, Ballina  
**Loughlin** Noel, Ballina  
**Loughlin** (4th Class) Loretta, Ballina  
**Loughlin** (5th Class) Catherine, Ballina  
**McGrath** Ann, Togher  
**Moggan** Jimmy, Clogherboy  
**Noone** Joseph, Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Tommy, Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Frank/Francis, Togher  
**1975**  
**Coen** Collette, Clogherboy  
**Coen** Paddy Joe, Garra  
**Flaherty** Francis, Ballina  
**Flaherty** (Senior Infants) Rena, Ballina  
**Flaherty** (3rd class) Deirdre, Ballina  
**King** Ann, Clogherboy  
**McGrath** Carmel, Clogherboy  
**Moggan** John, Clogherboy  
**Noone** Una, Clogherboy  
**Reynolds** Karen, Cloonlusk  
**Ryder** Christopher, Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Patricia, Cloonlusk  
**Williams** Brendan, Clogherboy  
**1976**  
**Burke** Maria, Garra

**Coen** Robert, Garra  
**Fahy** Vincent, Barbersfort  
**Hughes** Deirdre, Ballina  
**Kilkelly** Michael, Garra  
**McCabe** Gerry, Ballina  
**McCabe** Mary, Ballina  
**Moggan** Pat, Clogherboy  
**Murphy** John, Feigh East  
**Stephens** Ursula, Togher  
**1977**  
**Bane** Derek, Ballina  
**Coleman** Ann, Togher  
**Considine** Gary, Garraun Beg  
**Cunningham** Christina, Togher  
**Dunleavy** Catriona, Coolreagh  
**Dunleavy** Francis, Barbersfort  
**Howley** Evelyn, Ballina  
**Howley** Michael, Ballina  
**Kilkelly** Maura, Garra  
**King** Caitriona, Clogherboy  
**McGrath** Noreen, Clogherboy  
**McHughes** Muriel, Garra  
**Moggan** Suzanne, Clogherboy  
**Murphy** Pat, Feigh  
**Ryder** Maire, Clogherboy  
**Tierney** John, Togher  
**1978**  
**Coen** Gerry, Clogherboy  
**Coleman** Daniel, Togher  
**Coleman** Michael, Togher  
**Cunningham** Martin, Togher  
**Fahy** Stephanie, Togher  
**Heneghan** Caroline, Clogherboy  
**Noone** Peter, Clogherboy  
**Staunton** Pamela, Clogherboy  
**Tierney** Olivia, Togher  
**1979**  
**Coen** Bernard , Garra  
**Coleman** Susan, Togher  
**Fahy** Gerry, Barbersfort  
**Heneghan** Paul, Clogherboy  
**Howley** Patricia, Ballina  
**Jennings** Elizabeth, Cahergal  
**King** Michelle, Clogherboy  
**McGrath** Stella, Clogherboy  
**Murphy** Treasa, Moyn  
**Walsh** Robert, Garra  
**1980**  
**Bane** Annemarie, Ballina  
**Fahy** David, Barbersfort

**Howley** Kathleen, Ballina  
**Jennings** Michael, Cahergal  
**Jennings** Shane, Cahergal  
**Staunton** Alan, Clogherboy  
**Watts** Kenny, Ballina  
**1981**  
**Burke** Edel, Garra  
**Coen** Frank, Clogherboy  
**Coleman** Eibhlín/Eileen, Togher  
**Cooney** Martin, Togher  
**Dunleavy** Olivia, Barbersfort  
**Flaherty** Paul, Clogherboy  
**Kilkelly** Geraldine, Garra  
**Moggan** David, Clogherboy  
**Walsh** Noel, Garra  
**Watts** David, Ballina  
**1982**  
**Coleman** Seán, Togher  
**Cooney** Ger, Togher  
**Dolan** Yvonne, Coolreagh  
**Fahy** Derek, Barbersfort  
**Flesk** Martin, Feigh East  
**Heneghan** Lorraine, Clogherboy  
**Howley** Linda, Ballina  
**Hughes** Catriona, Ballina  
**Hughes** Paul, Ballina  
**McCabe** Lillian, Ballina  
**McGrath** Pádraig, Clogherboy  
**Nalty** Brian, Garra  
**Noone** Stephen, Clogherboy  
**Reynolds** Evelyn, Cloonlusk  
**Ryder** Alan, Clogherboy  
**Staunton** Barry, Clogherboy  
**Tierney** Breda, Togher  
**1983**  
**Fahy** Francis, Barbersfort  
**Flesk** Linda, Feigh North  
**King** (2nd Class) Celine, Tuam  
**Nalty** Mark, Garra  
**Ryder** Edward, Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Geraldine, Clogherboy  
**Tierney** Aidan, Coolreagh  
**Watts** Tina, Ballina  
**1984**  
**Cooney** Eugene, Togher  
**Heneghan** Cathal, Clogherboy  
**Jennings** Owen, Cahergal  
**Kilkelly** Eamonn, Garra  
**King** (1st Class) Aodhán , Tuaim  
**McGrath** Gretta, Clogherboy

**Ryder** John Paul, Clogherboy  
**1985**  
**Coen** Dennis, Garra  
**Craven** Regina, Clogherboy  
**Creavan** (Senior Infants) Michael, Clogherboy  
**Delaney** Eileen, Ballina  
**Dunleavy** Elaine, Barbersfort  
**Fahy** Sineád, Barbersfort  
**Flesk** Geraldine, Feigh  
**Heneghan** Alan, Clogherboy  
**Heneghan** Dean, Clogherboy  
**Heneghan** Jonathan, Clogherboy  
**Nilland** (2nd Class) Philip, Addergoole  
**Ryder** Frances, Clogherboy  
**Tierney** Brendan, Togher  
**Watts** Karen, Ballina  
**Whyte** Bernard , Garra  
**Williams**, Donal, Clogherboy  
**1986**  
**Cooney** Marie, Togher  
**Flaherty** Damien, Ballina  
**Kelly** William, Tuam  
**Kilkelly** (1st class) Catriona, Tuam  
**King** Joseph, Clogherboy  
**MacGrath** Orla, Clogherboy  
**Nilland** (1st Class) Richard, Addergoole  
**O'Connor** Ailish, Ballina  
**Whyte** Paul, Garra  
**1987**  
**Burke** Tomás, Garra  
**Coen** Catriona, Garra  
**Connolly** Bríd, Clogherboy  
**Cooney** Sarah, Togher  
**Flesk** Pádraic, Feigh  
**Forde** John, Togher  
**Jennings** Declan Clogherboy  
**McGrath** Michael, Carrowgorm  
**Williams** Denise, Clogherboy  
**1988**  
**Coen** Hannah, Clogherboy  
**Coen** Melinda, Garra  
**Coen** Michael, Clogherboy  
**Delaney** Majella, Gortbeg  
**Faye** Brian, Carrowmoneen  
**Flynn** Emma Lavally  
**Flynn** Rachel, Lavally  
**Gormally** Cathy ??  
**Holian** Michael, Garra  
**Hughes** Caroline, Clogherboy

**Hughes** Serena, Clogherboy  
**Kilkelly** Sean, Garra  
**McCabe** Peter, Garra  
**McGrath** Sharon, Clogherboy  
**Miskell** Martin, Feigh  
**Tierney** Damien, Coole  
**Tierney** John, Cloonlusk  
**1989**  
**Cooney** Kathleen, Shantallow  
**Delaney** Martin, Gortbeg  
**Fahy** Peter, Barbersfort  
**Flaherty** Nicola, Gortbeg  
**Hughes** Olivia, Springvale  
**McGrath** Aoife, Togher  
**Murphy** Francis, Feigh  
**Ruane** Antony, Clogherboy  
**Ward** Anne, On the road side  
**Ward** Bridget, On the road side  
**Ward** Martin, On the road side  
**Ward** Martin Gerard, On the road side  
**Ward** Mary, On the road side  
**Ward** Rosie, On the road side  
**Ward** Tina, On the road side  
**Watts** Olivia, Ballina  
**1990**  
**Burke** Áine, Garra  
**Coen** Amanda, Garra  
**Connolly** Áine, Clogherboy  
**Farrell** Emmet, Togher  
**Flesk** Kieran, Feigh East  
**Forde** Alan Togher  
**Forde** Kate, Togher  
**Forde** (3rd class) Fiona, Tuam  
**Holian** David, Clogherboy  
**Kelly** Ross, Cahergal  
**1991**  
**Fanning** Derek, Cahergal  
**Gormally** Anna, Cahergal  
**Heneghan** Orla, Clogherboy  
**Hughes** Thomas , Springvale  
**Kochen** Malte, Brackloon  
**Mannion** Gabriel, Togherbeg  
**McGrath** Damien, Carrowmoneen  
**Miskell** Gabriel Feigh East  
**Nestor** David, Feigh  
**Nestor** Sarah , Feigh  
**Watts** Mary, Ballina  
**1992**  
**Coen** Jonathan, Garra  
**Cooney** (3rd Class) David, Togher

**Croxtan** (6th Class) Joseph, Carrowmon-  
een  
**Delaney** Catrióna, Brackloon  
**Gormally** John, Clogherboy  
**Henenghan** Jennifer, Clogherboy  
**Holian** Joseph, Garra  
**Mannion** Shane, Togher  
**McGrath** Katie, Carrowmoneen  
**McGrath** Sandra, Feigh North  
**Nalty** Frances, Togher  
**Nalty** (4th Class) Seán, Garra  
**Nestor** Claire, Feigh North  
**Walsh** Victoria , Togher  
**Walsh** (2nd Class) Edward, Togher  
**Walsh** (6th Class) Martin, Togher  
**1993**  
**Coen** Jason, Garra  
**Connolly** Gearóid, Clogherboy  
**Forde** Dermuid, Togher  
**Hughes** Shane, Springvale  
**McGrath** Anne, Togher  
**McGrath** Katie, Clogherboy  
**McGrath** (1st Class) Richard, Togher  
**Moggan** Louise, Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Niall, Carrowmoneen  
**Watts** Nora, Ballina  
**Williams** Darragh, Clogherboy  
**1994**  
**Burke** Alison, Ballina  
**Fanning** Paul, Cahergal  
**Forde** Colin, Togher  
**Forde** Samantha, Garra  
**Healy** Amie, Togher  
**Hughes** Oliver, Cahergal  
**Mannion** Caitríóna, Togher  
**McGrath** Noel, Feigh North  
**McNamee** Majella, Coolreagh  
**Miskell** Brian, Feigh West  
**Stephens** Jamie, Carrowmoneen  
**1995**  
**Burke** Aoife, Ballina  
**Coen** Yvonne, Garra  
**Cunningham** Barry, Togher  
**Finnerty** Amy, Tuam  
**Gilhooly** Anthony, Cahergal  
**Hare** Jodie, Tuam  
**Healy** Claire, Togher  
**Hughes** Maura, Springvale  
**Hurst** (2nd Class) Conor, Carrowmoneen  
**Hurst** (4th Class) Shane, Carrowmoneen

**Kelly** Adrina, Togher  
**Kelly** (1st Class) Henry, Togher  
**Loughlin** William, Ballina  
**Mannion** Aisling, Togher  
**Mannion** Daniel, Cahergal  
**Mannion** Darina, Togher  
**Mannion** (Senior Infants) James, Caher-  
gal  
**McGrath** Maria, Feigh  
**McNamee** Roseanne, Togher  
**Murphy** Jamie, Togher  
**Nalty** Emma, Togher  
**Noone** Adrian, Clogherboy  
**1996**  
**Brady** (1st Class) Shane, Tuam  
**Flaherty** Kim, Gortbeg  
**Forde** Patricia, Garra  
**Loughlin** Ross, Ballynapark  
**Mannion** Keith, Togherbeg  
**Mannion** Seán, Cahergal  
**McNamee** Christopher, Coolreagh  
**Melia** (2nd Class) Colin, Tuam  
**O'Connor** Frankie, Ballina  
**Roche** Hannah, Carrowmoneen  
**Tierney** (Senior Infants) Aoife, Togher  
**1997**  
**Ainsworth** Sarah, Coolreagh, Togher  
**Donnellan** Charlotte, Togher  
**Donnellan** Gabrielle, Togher  
**Donnellan** (2nd Class) Rita, Kilcloghans,  
Tuam  
**Flaherty** Francis, Ballina  
**Hare** Jamie, Tuam  
**Hearman** Christopher, Kilmore, Barnad-  
erg  
**Holian** Niamh, Ballina  
**Holian** (3rd Class) Brian, Parkmore,  
Tuam  
**Kelly** Oisín, Grange, Tuam  
**Reilly** Jonathan, Clogherboy  
**Roche** Michael , Carrowmoneen  
**Stephens** Oisín, Togher  
**1998**  
**Begley** Madilyn, Tuam  
**Coen** John, Carrowmoneen  
**Cunningham** Kate, Togher  
**Gilmore** Jamie, Toberjarlath, Tuam  
**Hare** Jeffrey, Carrowpeter Tuam  
**Hoenderdos** Fergal, Clogherboy  
**Hughes** Jennifer Grange, Tuam

**Hughes** Joseph, Clogherboy  
**Mannion** Amy, Togher  
**Mannion** Elaine, Togher  
**McGrath** Aoife, Feigh  
**McNamee** Maura, Coolreagh  
**Miskell** Irene, Feigh  
**Nalty** Michael , Ballyglunin  
**Ryder** Colin, Clogherboy  
**1999**  
**Coleman** Martin, Carrowmoneen  
**Donohue** Maria, Feigh  
**Fahy** Michelle, Garraunbeg  
**Forde** Cristina, Clogherboy  
**Gilhooly** Amy, Cahergal  
**Healy** Sarah, Togher  
**Holian** Seán, Ballina  
**Kenny** Brian, Toghermore  
**Mannion** Patrick, Carrowmoneen  
**McNamee** Rebecca, Coolreagh  
**Murphy** Bróna, Clogherboy  
**Murphy** Finbar, Clogherboy  
**Stephens** Robert, Carrowmoneen  
**2000**  
**Gilmore** Kelly, Parkmore, Tuam  
**Hughes** Gregory, Grange, Togher  
**Hughes** Lauren, Cahergal  
**Killilea** Martha, Cahergal  
**Killilea** (3rd Class) Joseph, Cahergal  
**Mannion** Sarah, Carrowmoneen  
**Moggan** Dylan, Clogherboy  
**Murphy** Kevin, Togher  
**Nalty** Gary, Togher  
**Powell** (Senior Infants) Dylan, Togher  
**Reilly** Laura, Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Ciarán, Clogherboy  
**Wilson** Nicole, Togher  
**2001**  
**Burke** Emer, Ballina  
**Burke** Iarlaith, Ballina  
**Coen** Thomas, Garra  
**Cooke** Ryan, Clogherboy  
**Forde** Orla, Clogherboy  
**Grealish** Nathan, Galway Road, Tuam  
**Grealish** Simon, Galway Road, Tuam  
**Hoenderdos** David, Clogherboy  
**Loughlin** Blaine Ballynapark,  
Ballyglunin  
**Mannion** Aisling Carrowmoneen  
**Miskell** Lorraine Feigh  
**Moran** Aaron Clogherboy

**Moran** Kelly Clogherboy  
**Murphy** Megan Toghermore  
**Nally** Owen Ballyglunin  
**Roche** Sarah Carrowmoneen  
**Tyan** Jessica Carrowmoneen  
**2002**  
**Ainsworth** Joshua, Tuam  
**Fahy** Laura, Gurraunbeg  
**Flaherty** Conor, Gortbeg  
**Gilmore** Stephanie, Lissadyra, Tuam  
**Mannion** Lisa, Cahergal  
**McDonnell** Jack Ballynakilla, Togher  
**McNamee**, Jessica Coolreagh  
**Murphy** Hannah, Toghermore  
**Nestor** Sophie, Lissadyra, Tuam  
**Nicholson** Cathal, Cahergal  
**Nicholson** (1st Class) Darren, Cahergal  
**Nicholson** (Senior Infants) Seán, Caher-  
gal  
**Noone** Damien Garra  
**Powell** Byron Clogherboy  
**Ryder** Sharon Clogherboy  
**2003**  
**Ainsworth** Anna Tuam  
**Coleman** Mark Togher  
**Coleman** Michael Carrowmoneen  
**Concannon** Tara Togher  
**Donnellan** Grace Togher  
**Fahy** Ciara Abbey  
**Flaherty** Rebecca Gortbeg  
**Holian** Fiona Ballina  
**Hughes** Andrew Cahergal  
**Nestor** Oisín Carrowgorm  
**Reilly** Jamie Clogherboy  
**Tynan** Glen Carrowmoneen  
**Watts** Michaela Ballina  
**2004**  
**Baol** Kane Togherbeg  
**Begley** Maria Togher  
**Fahy** Paula Moyne  
**Forde** Sarah Clogherboy  
**Gilmore** Rebecca Lissadyra, Tuam  
**Hanks** Sadhbh, Cahergal  
**Hanks** (Senior Infants), Donncha, Caher-  
gal  
**Nalty** Katie, Togher  
**Powell** Elliot, Ballynakilla  
**Stephens** Rachael, Togher  
**Synott** Liam, Coolreagh, Togher  
**Van Den Top** Dana, Cahergal



**Wilson** Darragh, Togher

**2005**

**Boal** Megan, Togherbeg

**Burke** Joey, Carrowmoneen

**Concannon** Lorraine, Togherbeg

**Concannon** Michelle, Togherbeg

**Fahy** Niamh, Abbeyknockmoy

**Mannion** Dean, Carrowmoneen

**Moggan** Jade, Clogherboy

**Nalty** Chloe, Togher

**Nicholson** Fergal, Cahergal

**Roche** Dean, Carrowmoneen

**Tynan** Gillian, Carrowmoneen

**Walsh** Ceileigh, Garra

**Watts** Ciara, Ballina

**2006**

**Barry** Emma, Barbersfort

**Doherty** Ciara, Kilcloghans

**Flaherty** Kieran, Ballina

**Leonard** Ethan, Togher

**Moggan** Lana, Clogherboy

**Murphy** Noel, Toghermore

**2007**

**Ainsworth** Nicola, Tuam

**Coen** Carlosa, Gortbeg

**Cooke** Kealan, Clogherboy

**Donahue** Claire, Feigh West

**Fahy** Cliona, Barbersfort

**Flaherty** Rachel, Gortbeg

**McHugh** T.J., Togher

**Moggan** Aaron, Clogherboy

**Nestor** Megan, Carrowgorm

**Powell** Eliza, Ballynakilla

**Reaney** Jamie, Togher

**Traynor** Claire, Garra

**Tynan** Calan, Carrowmoneen

**2008**

**Barry** Eoin, Barbersfort

**Coleman** Cathal, Togher

**Cooney** Dylan, Togher

**Fahy** Ross, Carrowmoneen

**McGovern** Patrick, Cahergal

**McNamee** Ellie, Coolreagh, Togher

**Meenaghan** Laura, Carrowmoneen

**Moggan** Alice, Clogherboy

**O'Brien** Cormac, Barbersfort

**O'Connor** Ryan, Coolreagh

**Phelan** Aoibheann, Garra

**Reaney** Justin, Togher

**Roche** Jeff, Carrowmoneen

**Shaughnessy** Alex, Togher

**Tobin** Sive, Toghermore

**Welby** Niamh, Garra

**Wilson** Kelly, Feigh West

**2009**

**Barry** Kieran, Barbersfort

**Cunningham** Stephen, Togher

**Fahy** Caoimhe, Abbeyknockmoy

**Fahy** Kevin, Gurraunbeg

**Forde** Róisín, Clogherboy

**Jordan** Caoimhe, Clogherboy

**McKiernan** Fionnghuala, Gortbeg

**Moggan** Jake, Clogherboy

**Murphy** Óisín, Clogherboy

**Shoenfelt** Temis, Ballina

**Stephens** Rachel, Ballynakilla

**Traynor** Brian, Garra

**Walsh** Taylor, Garra

**Watts** James, Ballina

**Wilson** Keelan, Togher

**2010**

**Balfe** Patrick, Ballina

**Begley** Orlaith, Toghermore

**Berry** Ruairi, Cahergal

**Carr** Calum, Cloonlusk

**Doherty** Aoife, Kilcloghans

**Flaherty** Ryan, Gortbeg

**Killilea** Méabh, Clogherboy

**McHugh** Lorna, Togher

**Meenaghan** Aoife, Carrowmoneen

**Tobin** Conan, Toghermore

**2011**

**Boyle Coen** Dhiarmuid, Gortbeg

**Coleman** Shane, Tuam

**Fahy** Cathal, Feigh East

**Jennings** Seán, Barbersfort

**McGovern** Calum, Cahergal

**Meenaghan** Claire, Carrowmoneen

**Mongey** Sarah, Togher

**Noone** Aisling, Lackagh

**Phelan** Oisín, Garra

**Ryder** Lauren, Clogherboy

**Watts** Lee, Ballina

**2012**

**Cooke** Michaela, Clogherboy

**Fahy** MJ, Carrowmoneen

**Gilmore** Ciara, Tuam

**Jennings** Cathal, Cahergal

**Jordan** Ciara, Clogherboy

**Kane** Matthew, Toghermore

**Mongey** Conor, Toghermore

**Murphy** Aaron, Clogherboy

**Murphy** Sarah, Clogherboy

**O'Brien** Cian, Barbersfort

**Phelan** Caoimhe, Garra

**Watts** Mary Ann, Ballina

**Wilson** Liam, Feigh West

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