

Action from Activation - typed by Jimmy Kelly

This has been another exciting term in activation the highlight being the 10th anniversary celebrations, we all had a great day back in April and enjoyed the service and party afterwards.

Another highlight for us was the arrival of our new bus it is really great and holds up to 17 people. We have been taking great advantage of our new wheels and can be seen every day taking off to somewhere or another and at least once a week we get out on a day trip.

The sports day this year was another great success and the sun shone down on us we played our games. The darts league also came to an end that day with John power lifting the trophy after a very close final against John Sinnott.

We had a dance workshop before the holidays which was fun, and dance classes are scheduled to begin again soon.

A new activity for this term is Boccee (bowls) and we plan to play it regularly in Kilkenny over the winter.

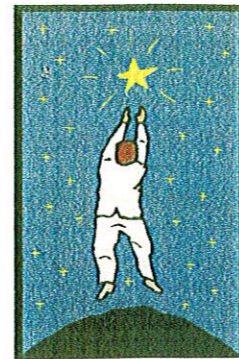
Our annual day-trip took us to Powerscourt Garden in Wicklow, we had a lovely day and stopped in the Bee Hive on the way home.

Congratulations to Glenn Connick who celebrated his 21st before the holidays.

We are looking forward to respite break again, this year we are heading to Clare in October.

Get well soon to Billy Whitty who is recovering well at home we hear after a trip to hospital.

Finally congratulations to Brendan and Tyrone on winning the All-Ireland. May-be it will be Wexford's turn next year!



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Ard Aoibhinn's big 10!



Thanks again to all our fund-raisers:

- ABS Pumps - 3,187 euro
 - Sam Mc Cauleys - 1,000 euro
 - South East Radio - 750 euro
 - Church of Ireland Wexford - 6,000
 - Credit Union 100 Wexford Golf Club - 252 euro
 - Wrens Nest Table Quiz - 300 euro
 - Hotel Curraclloe - 418 euro
 - St. Patrick's Day Committee - 150
 - The Annual Liam Maher Golf Classic - 5,900 euro
 - Mini-Marathon - 386 euro
 - Galbally Cabaret - 17,128 euro.
- Well Done all!

Thursday 21st of April saw Ard Aoibhinn Services reach ten years in existence. This momentous occasion was celebrated on Friday 22nd of April with great celebrations.

The Centre and grounds were decorated to the last with balloons and bunting as everyone in the service went all out to mark this special event.

The day began in Clonard Community Centre where Fr. Tom Dalton and Rev. Maria Janssen

led all the staff, clients, friends and family members in a beautiful

service of songs and stories as we traced back through the ten years of development since the coming together of St. Claire's and St Michael's way back in 1995. All the houses and sections were spoken about and



symbols were brought forward to represent each area of our service.

After the service it was celebration time back in the Ard Aoibhinn Centre where food and drink was in abundance and even the odd bottle of champagne was cracked open. The cake was cut by Una as seen in the picture above and in the afternoon everyone went out to the wheelchair gar-

den where ten beautiful balloons were released to mark our ten years of happiness and friendship in the new centre. (as seen in the pictures below)

A wonderful day was had by all and thanks to everyone who helped mark this special occasion.

A video of the anniversary celebrations are available from Activation.



News from the Children's Day-room - typed by John Power.

September has been a busy month for us.

We had two special birthdays, Jason celebrated his 21st on the 22nd with a party in the Stanville lodge, and we all had a very enjoyable night.

Suzanne had her 17th birthday on the 22nd also and we had a lovely party here.

Hazel is enjoying the benefits of her own home and we would like to wish her all the very best in it.

We would like to welcome our student nurse Anita and we hope she enjoys her time with us.

All the lads are in great form and keen to get on with their work.



Confirmation class 2005

Pre-School News - typed by Lesley O'Leary

We are all happy to settle back after the summer break.

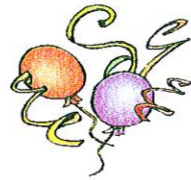
We had a busy term.

In May we went on a sponsored walk for Barnardos it was nice to see children helping children. This was much appreciated by Barnardos.

We welcome new children to the pre school and send best wishes to the children that have left.

Hope they will be happy in their new placements.

Good luck to David from all the Pre - school.



News from the Rainbow Classes-typed by Eleanor O'Dowd

Hello to everyone from the Education Section. Hope you all had a lovely summer.

We had a very busy summer term. Every one had a lovely day at the Ard Aoibhinn 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

We were also busy with preparations for Confirmation Adam, Niall, Andrew, and Jimmy all made their Confirmation last term. It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed

themselves. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be part of their lives.

At the end of term we went on our annual outing to Kennedy Park. The sun was shining and we had a lovely walk around the park and something to eat afterwards.

Sports day was a great success and a good day was had by all.

We have a new teacher this term. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ellen Mc Auliffe who replaces Declan Groves. Declan has returned to teach at St Patrick's, we would like to thank Declan

for all his help and support over the last two years and wish him all the best in his new job.

Welcome also to Bridie Kelly Doyle who joined the Education Staff last week.

Adam and Jimmy both had birthdays in August and both Jason and Suzanne had birthdays on 22nd of September Jason celebrated a special birthday he was 21! hope everyone had a lovely day and "Happy Birthday" to you all.

Adult Day-room News - typed by Carol Browne

Happy Birthday to Jason on his 21st.

Happy Birthday also to Jolene and James and Jolene's Mam Josie.

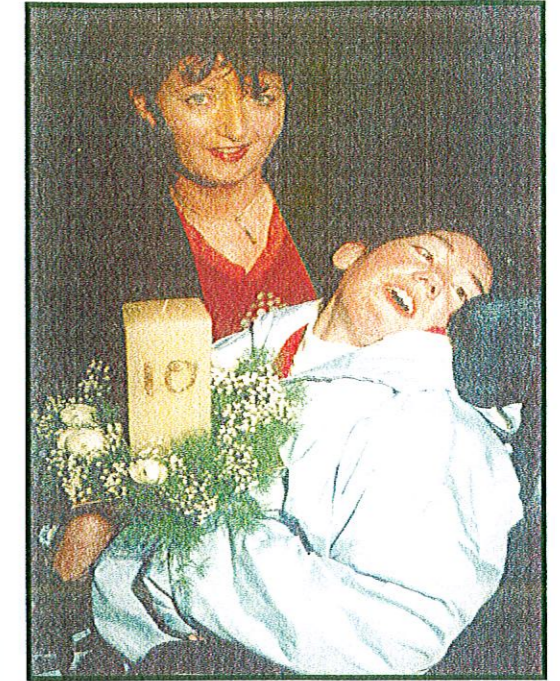
We are all looking forward to Lisa Gordon coming back to work.

Best of Luck to David Reck who is going to do his nursing.

Congrats to Michelle who got married in Las Vegas!!!

Congrats to Pamela who got a car. "Stay off the road everyone!"

We all really enjoyed the tenth anniversary celebrations, pictured right is Ann-Marie and Claire at the service in Clonard.



All the News from Belford House and Brendan Corish Gardens

Welcome back Margeret O'Connor after her long holiday "down under" Delighted now to be back in Belford working on rosters.

Welcome back Deidre Boggan and congratulations to her and the family on the birth of baby Joshua

Goodbye and good luck to Dermot Wallace on his future career path.

Welcome to our new housekeeper Sharon Ennis who's brilliant at her job.

Best of luck to all staff in Belford who are undertaking new courses.

All residents are delighted with the new décor of their bedrooms.

Patricia Keating had a great night at her cousins wedding last week-

end.

Loads of Birthdays were celebrated in Belford House over the summer Lisa, Cherie, Mick and Dermot with Patrica celebrating hers next month.

And finally last but not least we would all like to say farewell and best wishes to David Reck in his nursing career. Looking forward to seeing you in 4 years time as Nurse David Reck (R.N.I.D.)



*Remembering
Catherine (Katie) Sinnott
October 1952 - June 2005*

*Katie, your time had come to slumber in the arms of the Lord.
His unbounded affection and mysterious glee, shone from you, resting on us all a short while.
Silent prophet, our grief, heavens gain, we wish you everlasting rest.*