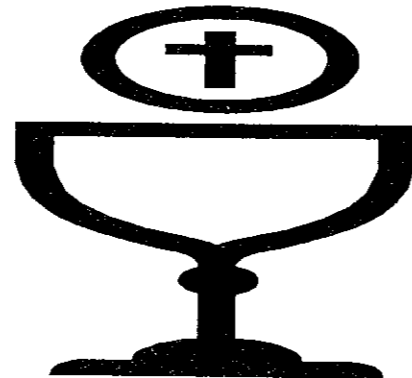




Summer is coming! Time for outings like this fine spring day when Eleanor and Keara visited Curracloe.

*The First Holy
Communion is on
in the centre on Friday
May 31st*



THE WORLD AWARENESS PROGRAMME

BY ELEANOR O'DOWD

The World Awareness programme is something we did in Activation as part of our computer skills classes. We all picked a country from around the world and did a project on it. Through doing the project we learned a lot about our individual countries while also learning a lot about computers. We used the "Interactive World Atlas" to learn about our countries and to print out pictures and information. We also got information from the travel agents and the library. We really enjoyed doing the projects and they turned out really well and can all be seen on display in Ard Aoibhinn till the end of the month.

Countries picked by people were:

Eleanor O'Dowd - Spain	John Power - Mexico
Jimmy Kelly - Russia	Bridgit keane - China
Carol Browne - France	Paul Houlihan - USA.
Mary Morrissey - South Africa	
Shane O'Brien - Canada	
Lesley O'Leary - Australia	



Mary and Carol with their projects.



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DANCING UP A STORM

BY CAROL BROWNE

A group from the Activation section here in Ard Aoibhinn are participating in a dance project in conjunction with Myriad Dance, Wexford County Council and three other groups from around the county. We have been doing dance classes under the guidance of Deirdre Grant and Brid Malone for the past year and now we are to hit the stage and show off all we have learned. The show, entitled Adventures in Emotional Pic-



The group who will be participating in the performance. With dance instructors Brid Malone and Deirdre Grant.

tures; will be staged for one night only on Friday the 17th of May 2002 at 8pm in the Dun Mhuire Theatre in Wexford town. The show stars John Power, Eleanor o' Dowd, Carol Browne, Lesley o' Leary, Claire Murphy, Shane o' Brien, Mary

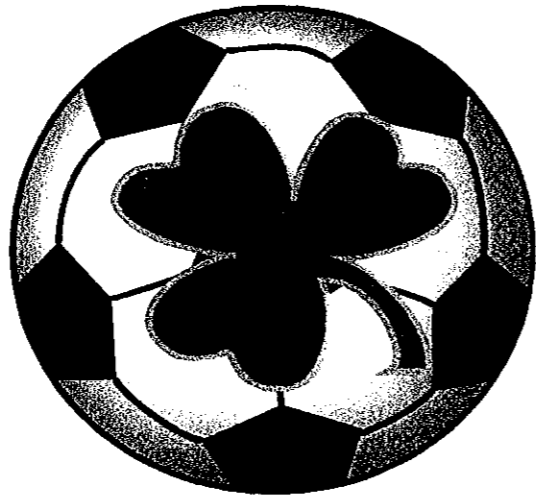
Morrissey, Michael Cashe, Paul Houlihan and Therese Cleary all from Ard Aoibhinn. We are really looking forward to this show, and hope everyone will come along to support us on the big night.

A very special thank you must go out to Senator Windows for organising the Pro Am Golf Tournament on the 3rd of May. The day was a huge success and raised an amazing €36,005.00 for Ard Aoibhinn. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DAY ROOM BY LESLEY O'LEARY

- ◆ We bid a fond farewell to Saoirse who is gone to live in Dublin.
- ◆ Andy, Jimmy and Adam enjoyed their trip to Lourdes at Easter
- ◆ Jason Power headed off to Lourdes on the 7th of May.
- ◆ Siobhain enjoyed her trip to London for her Aunties 50th birthday.
- ◆ Suzanne and her Mammy enjoy every weekend watching the talent on the quay.
- ◆ Peter still loves his session on the waterbed every morning.
- ◆ Niall is looking forward to watching the World Cup with his Daddy.



The Soccer World Cup is Less than a month away .
GOOD LUCK IRELAND!!!!!!

NEWS FROM ACTIVATION BY JOHN POWER

The up coming dance project is the big news in Activation at the moment we are all looking forward to the big performance. Tickets are available from Jennifer in Activation.

We are delighted to have Mamie back here after her knee operation and its great to see her walking around the centre unaided. Well done Mamie!

We want to welcome Pamela who is on work experience in the centre at the moment, and thank her for working with us all over the past couple of weeks.

Big congratulations go out to Jimmy and Shane who won gold medals for swimming. This was our first outing with Special Olympics and what a start.

Commiseration's go out to all the Man. United fans especially Stephen Hayden on their beloved reds doing so rubbish this year.

Finally we would like to book the TV for the mornings of Wednesday 5th of June and Tuesday 11th of June at 12.30 on both days. That is unless Una is giving us all these two days off to watch Ireland's games in the world cup. If not we declare these days "Be seen in green days" and let's have two wild World Cup days (Olé Olé Olé)



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



We had a very busy term. We welcome our new children Connor, Amy, James, Kevin and Bridget.

We celebrated Siobhan O'Grady and Bridies birthdays. Thanks to the kitchen staff for the lovely birthday cakes.

We had a visit from Maura Murphy (Pre-School Officer) she was very pleased with us all.

We were delighted to have Pamela Hayden on work experience.

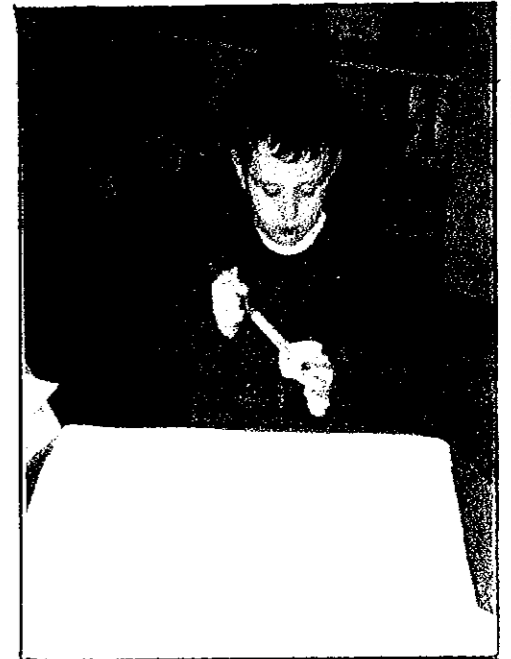
Good luck Pamela in the future.

The Pre-School are looking forward to work commencing on the outdoor play area.

We are delighted that Pearlie and Jason are back living in Wexford, good luck to them both.

Ethel recently enjoyed a one day seminar "Quality in the Playgroup" in the Riverside Park Hotel on the 4th of April.

PICTURE LEFT: Conor painting.



NEWS FROM THE ADULT DAY ROOM BY JIMMY KELLY



- * We have plenty of Birthdays this month with Seamus Murphy's on May 4th. Clare O'Connor's on May 24th and Edel's on May 27th.
- * Congratulations to Derek on his new set of wheels.
- * Welcome back Carmel, great to see you on the mend.

Get in training now for the Mini-marathon it's on the 3rd of June .



WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS?

Welcome to our new special needs assistants - Sarah Collins and Lucy O'Keefe, we now have two Lucy's, it can be confusing!

We go over to the Children's Day Room most Thursdays for PE sessions. Here is Andy being put through his paces. Hazel, Eithne and Liz are pretty "nifty" too!

