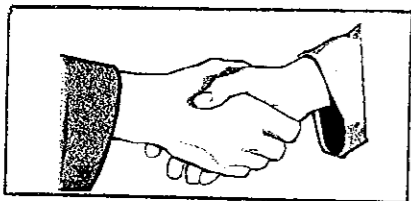


## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME;

The old scheme ended on the 10th of August and the new one began on the 13th of August.

We welcome back Mararet Philips and Ann Scallan for another year.

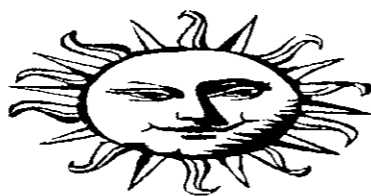
And we extend a warm welcome to Nena Mann, Sean Doyle and Anna Mc Carthy, we hope you enjoy your time here in Ard Aoibhinn.



"I'm the king of the world" Paul Houlihan powers a boat across the Lakes of Killarney on respite break this year.

## RESPITE 2001

TYPED BY ELEANORO'DOWD



For our respite break this year we had a lovely time in Killarney. We spent a midweek break near the end of May in the Killarney Ryan Hotel in Killarney Co. Kerry. The hotel was really beautiful and we really enjoyed the delicious food and the large leisure centre. During the break we visited the Gap of Dunloe and the Lakes of Killarney, where we all got drenched by the rain. Another day we visited Muckross house and farms, the farms were great fun and Mary and Kathleen felt really at home in the old thatched houses baking bread over an

open fire. We also went shopping and danced and sang every night, a great time was had by all.



Micheal Cashe, Therese Cleary, Bridget Keane, Carol Browne and Eleanor O'Dowd at "Kate Kearneys Cottage" in Killarney.

## ARD AOIBHINN OBSERVER SUMMER 2001



### GRANTS FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL.

TYPED BY JOHN POWER

*Thanks to all our fund-raisers;*

Tony Fitzpatrick, Drinagh, Christmas lights on his house - £605.63

Murphy's Killurin Caberert - £820

Wrens Nest Table Quiz - £150

Sola Lenses - Collection Boxes - £149.67

Catholic Guides Ireland - £151.50

Loreto School No Uniform Day - £413

Nutricia Social Club Table Quiz - £1320

South East Ladies Club - £57.95

Golf Classic - £3200

Sponsored Walk - £5000

Other Donations - £414.95

An Breacadh Nua T/A Ard Aoibhinn Centre have been awarded two grants from the National Development Plan through the Equal Opportunities Child-care Programme (EOP). This process was completed with the help and support of Wexford Area Partnership and facilitated through Area Development Management (ADM). The first grant is a once off amount of £50,000 capital moneys to develop the Pre-school Outdoor Play Area into a safe play area for the children. Plans for this have already been drawn up and agreed and a planning permission application to build a pre-school store is currently with Wexford Corporation.

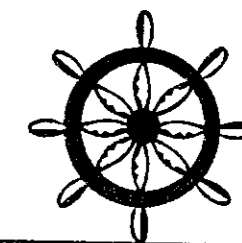
The second grant is a Revenue Grant of £75,000 payable over 3 years at £25,000 each year towards staffing costs in the pre-school. This source of funding is a very welcome boost.



"There's no place like home" Billy Whitty in an old cottage on Muckross Farm in Killarney on respite break this year.



A group from Activation aboard one of the tall ships recently docked in Kilmore.

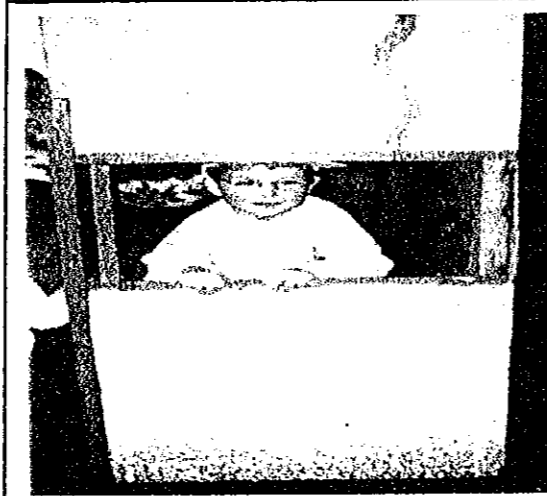


## NEWS FROM ACTIVATION TYPED BY SHANE O'BRIEN

- ◆ Last term was a busy one in Activation and we had many ventures on the go at once.
- ◆ Firstly we did a ten week course in drama, our teacher for this was Tony Mac Cleane Faye. This was great fun and really enjoyed by all.
- ◆ We also completed our dance course with Deirdre Grant and Brid Malone, we got certificates on completion of this course.
- ◆ We had our annual day out to Waterford Crystal and Tramore.
- ◆ And also had a respite break in Killarney and the gang from Brendan Corish Gardens were in Galway for a break.
- ◆ Congratulations to Tom who played a part in

"Dancing at Lughnasa" at the Arts Centre recently and we hope he enjoys his holiday in Spain.

- ◆ Finally we would like to welcome everyone back after their holidays.



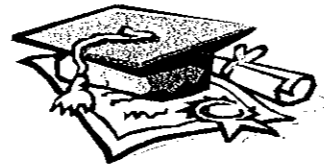
*Congratulations to Aidan Breen who has moved from the Pre-school to Curracloe national school.*

## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS, TYPED BY STEPHEN HAYDEN

Aidan Breen has moved on to Curracloe national School. We all miss and wish him well.

We would like to welcome, Declan Mc Allister, Connor Burke, Eoin Craven and Katie Dixon, and also our new F.A.S. worker Anna.

Congratulations to Ethel on her excellent results in her "Montessori Teaching Diploma" with first class Distinction. Well done Ethel.



## ACTIVATION'S DAY OUT, BY JIM KELLY.

Before the holidays we went for our day trip. This years trip took us to Waterford. First we went to Waterford Crystal and got a guided tour of the factory it was very interesting and the Crystal was beautiful.

we had our lunch and then the fun really started when we visited the fun fair and all the amusements. On the way home we stopped at the Horse and Hound bar and restaurant where we had our dinner.

Then we went home happy and tired, a great day was had by all.

After that we went on to Tramore where



*Keara Dixon and Paul Houlliban on the Bumpers in Tramore on our day trip this year.*

## NEWS FROM THE ADULT DAY ROOM TYPED BY LESLEY O'LEARY

- A big welcome to Derek Smith who joined our group in May,
- Birthday wishes to James Cahill who celebrated his 21st birthday on 2nd August.
- Congratulations to Lizzie on the birth of her baby Joseph and Anne on the birth of Olivia.
- Best of luck to Edel in her new house, hope she enjoyed her holiday to Chicago ooohh.. sorry Majorca !!!!!!!!



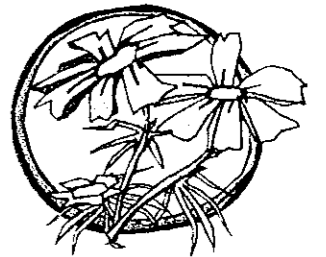
*"Looking good" James Cahill who celebrated his 21st birthday recently.*

## GARDEN GOSSIP TYPED BY CAROL BROWNE

The gardeners continue to be busy tending to all the needs in the garden. The vegetable garden needed careful tending and maintenance – digging, hoeing, weeding, watering to produce a good crop of healthy vegetables including peas, beans, beetroot, onions, lettuce, leeks. We had a good harvest of lovely sweet juicy tomatoes. Meanwhile the rest of the garden was well tended by the ground force searching out and

eradicating all weedy looking growth and generally keeping the garden looking in good shape. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work. As far as future plans are concerned we are still at a bit of a standstill since the diggers and excavators finished work on the temporary classrooms. The lawn has still to be restored to its original condition and we still have a hole in the wall to be repaired. There is a lot to be done.

We will all be keeping busy. "So lets get digging"



## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DAY ROOM TYPED BY MARY MORRISSEY

- \* All in the children's day room would like congratulate Liz on the arrival of her baby – boy Joseph.
- \* We welcome Saoirse from pre-school into our room since May.
- \* Over the holiday period Niall went swimming every day, Saoirse and Adam celebrated
- \* their birthdays. Jimmy, Jason and Suzanne will be celebrating their birthdays within the next month.
- \* Andy and Lorraine are going on their holidays next week.
- \* Peter got new glasses and looks very handsome.



*Saoirse Bannell who has just moved from the Pre-school to the Children's Day Room.*