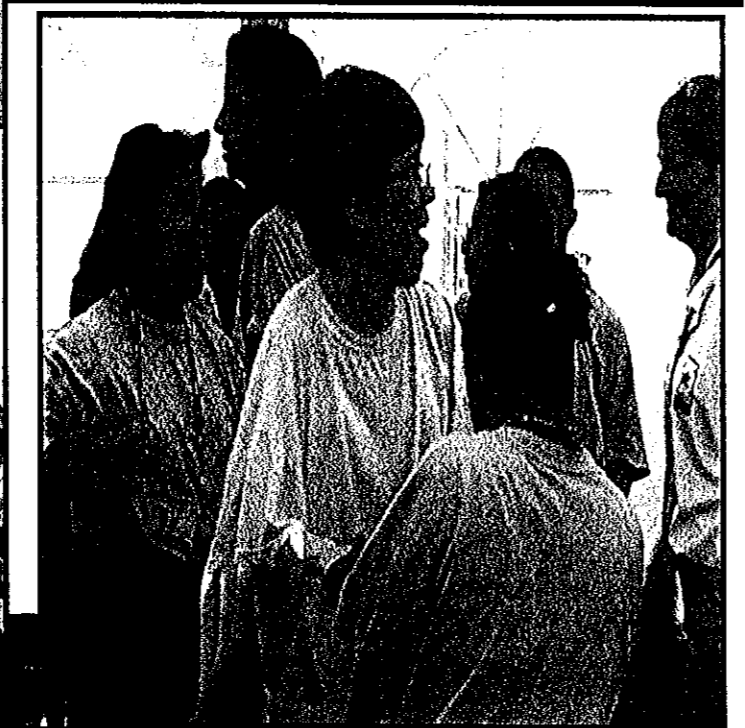


SUMMER PICTURE PAGE

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• Thanks again to all our Fund-raisers:

- Wexford Bridge Congress donated €800
- Hores shop had a raffle and made €75
- Wexford School of Ballet and Modern dance held a raffle at their end of year show €350
- Clonard Parish donated €2000
- Senator Windows held a golf classic €200
- Josie O'Connor took part in the mini-marathon and raised €226. A further €423 came in from the mini-marathon.
- And a rowing gala and cabaret night held in Galbally was a huge success and brought in a whooping €13,604

We apologise if we have omitted anyone from the above list and would like to thank everyone who supports Ard Aoibhinn's fund raising efforts in any way.
Thank You!

SUMMER OF FUN AND OUTINGS IN ACTIVATION

Last Spring Ard Aoibhinn acquired two new wheelchair buses to collect and drop home people from the centre.

As a result of this the old bus that was used to do the south run was handed over to Activation for use solely for the unit. It was fitted out to seat fourteen and since its arrival in the unit it has given us great freedom. We can now go on outings for the day and not have to return till four.

This has been going on all Summer especially on fine days when we have been going off on picnics all over the South East these trips have included Glendalough, Altamont Gardens, The Ring of Hook, Woodstock,, Mount Juliet, The Dunbrody, St Mullins and Graignamanagh. Not to mention our big day out that everyone



went on last July, that day we went to The National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare. We stopped in the Din Ri in Carlow on the way home and had a lovely meal. Overall it has been a very busy Summer.

Congratulations to Tracy and Gavin who were wed over the Summer pictured at the wedding are all the gang from Brendan Corish Gardens with the happy couple. The wedding went very well on a beautiful August day and a good day was had by all.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Hello to everyone from the Education staff. We hope everyone had a good Summer and enjoyed the fantastic weather. We hope it lasts a little longer so that the pupils can continue to enjoy walks around the sensory garden and P.E. session outside

Last term was a very sad term as one of our pupils Lorraine Murphy sadly passed away. She was a beautiful young lady and we will miss her and her delight-

ful smile. God bless you Lorraine. Rest in peace. We will remember Lorraine's family in our prayers.

There have been several birthdays over the summer months, we all enjoyed Derek's 21st birthday celebrations at Ard Aoibhinn in June, congratulations to Derek on his special birthday. Niall also had a Birthday in June and Adam and Jimmy celebrated their birthdays in August. Happy Birthday to everyone.

This term has seen some changes in the education staff Patti Keane left Ard Aoibhinn last term to teach in St. John of God House. We were sorry to see Pattie leave as she has been working with us for a number of years. We wish her the best of luck in her new job. We welcome Declan Groves back as our new teacher and we also welcome a new special Needs assistant Pamela Beesley from St. Patricks.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DAY-ROOM

Hello from the C.D.R.
We're all glad to be back after our holidays.

Adam enjoyed a few days in Kilkenny and Suzanne enjoyed her trip to Rosslare and paddling in the sea.

Jimmy celebrated his 11th Birthday in August.

We would like to wish Suzanne and Jason a very Happy Birthday on the 22nd of September.

A very big welcome back to Declan hope he enjoys his time with us, we will do our best for him!

ACTION FROM ACTIVATION

Welcome back to everyone after their Summer Holidays, we hope you all had fun.

We have had a very busy summer in Activation going on lots of outings on the bus.

We really enjoyed the Special Olympics too the highlight for us being a lovely day we spent in Johnstown Castle where we performed our Rainbow Dance for all the visiting countries. There are pictures of us performing on the back page of the newsletter

We are going to Kilkenny on a respite break this month and are really looking forward to that you can read all about it in the next edition.

NEWS FROM THE ADULT DAY-ROOM.

Congratulations to Lisa on the birth of baby James and to Vera on the birth of baby Clodhna.

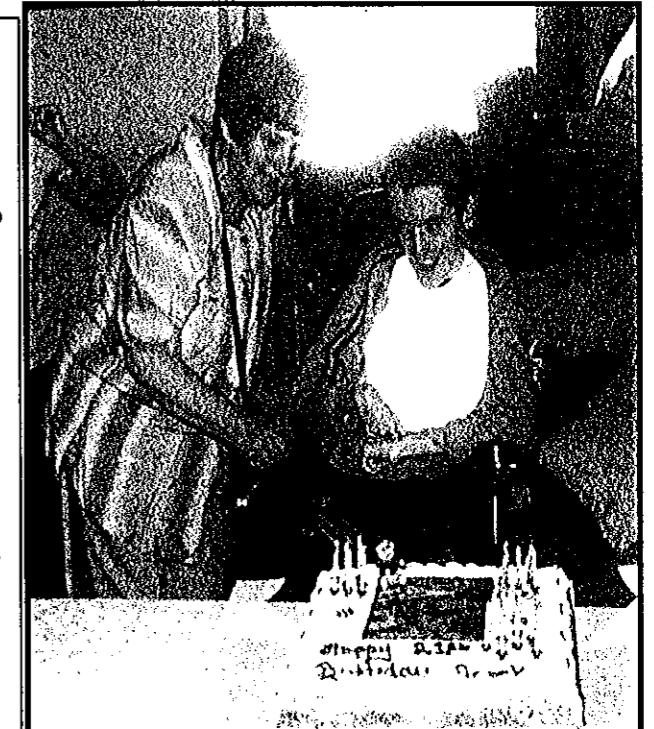
Birthday wishes to Derek who celebrated his 21st birthday on 25th June with a party in the centre surrounded by family and friends

Also birthday wishes to Carol and James who

celebrated their birthdays recently and to Michelle who was 21 last month.

Well done to Margot who won money in two draws recently free drinks for everyone in the Porter House.

Finally our thoughts are with Eddie and Mollie Murphy on their sad loss of Seamus. He is sadly missed by staff and friends in Ard Aoibhinn.



This Summer/Autumn edition of the Ard Aoibhinn Observer is a special one as it is the 10th edition of the paper.

**Happy 10th Anniversary
to the Observer!**



We are happily settling back in after our lovely Summer break.

Congratulations to Pearlie and Jason on the birth of their new baby Jack.

We welcome Kay to the Pre-School and hope she enjoys her time with us.

We welcome the new children to the morning group Evan, Shona and Dearmaid.

The highlight of our Summer term was our school tours the adults and children enjoyed Yola Farm and the train trip to Rosslare was fantastic

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

