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## Poetry Competition 2011

### **FRIENDS FOREVER FAITHFUL**

By Jennifer Loughlin  
(Kilanerin School)



Walking through the fields we go  
Through ice and snow  
Talking with one voice  
Seizing every moment  
To brighten everyday that comes  
Trying to frighten each other when it counts  
Sharing all our hopes and dreams  
Caring for them with all our heart  
Living up the worst of days  
Bringing hope when sorrows pass  
Through all the treasures of life  
May we always stick close even when times seem dark  
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# KILANERIN.COM POETRY COMPETITION 2011

June 2011

Welcome to the inaugural Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition which was open to the 6th Class Students from the three parish schools; Kilanerin, Ballyfad and Ballythomas. From the 21 participants, there was a great selection of poetry for the Judges to go through and with the high standard of entries it made the decision to choose the winners all the more difficult. The theme for the poetry this year was the Kilanerin.com motto *"Remembering Yesterday, Living Today, Creating Tomorrow"*.

Congratulations to Jennifer Loughlin on winning the Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition 2011 and also to the runner-ups Patrick O'Connor, Éimear Gregory and Vivien Ryan.

With the success of this year's competition, and the excitement shown by the participants and other students in the schools, it is hoped to make the Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition an annual event. With your continuing support and participation this will be made possible.

## Thanks

Kilanerin.com would like to thank all the 6th Class students who took the time to get creative and submitting their poems, and to their teachers for their time and effort. A special thanks to Catherine Boukhima (Community Secretary) for all her help.

Thanks to all those who helped to make the competition a great success, especially the sponsors with their generous contributions which allowed this booklet to get published. A final thanks to the Judges Matty Behan, Jennifer O'Sullivan and Damian Nash who had the tough task of going through all the entries and selecting the winners.



## MY LIFE

By Patrick O'Connor  
(Ballyfad School)

I was a baby back then I didn't understand life  
and death and the way of the world,  
Now I'm a boy running through fields carelessly,  
I know life is short and try to live to the full,  
I will be a man I don't know what will happen,  
Hopefully I will have a job maybe a wife and  
some kids but who knows,  
For now I'll just enjoy life to the full.



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# CARNEW IS COMING SOON!

By Éimear Gregory  
(Ballythomas School)



My life is nearly over in primary school,  
But I can't wait until first year it's gonna be really cool,  
I have my uniform it's royal and baby blue,  
I'm joining the equestrian team in Carnew.

Homework, homework pile of it,  
Irish, Irish, tá mé ag rith,  
I know it's going to be a lot harder than that,  
I will be like a chatter box - chat, chat, chat.

Hustle, bustle everywhere,  
6th years really just don't care,  
Girls and boys laughing at you,  
Ahh it's your first year, what can you do.

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## FLYING HIGH

By Vivien Ryan  
(Ballyfad School)



As fast as lightening, we shoot by,  
So I will go and give it a try,  
I am so small I think I might stumble,  
But I was so pleased to see my friend bumble,  
She had come to cheer me on,  
So I spread my wings and now I am gone!

I am off, I am flying high,  
And I wave to my friend to say goodbye,  
But I come back in a few months at dawn,  
When she saw me my feathers were broad,  
She was so amazed she even said,  
Oh my, Wow,  
I am a lot bigger than when I was a chick,  
and I am so grown up now!

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By Michael Redmond

*(Kilanerín School)*

Today the sun shall shine and  
Only on a short day soon the  
Moon is left to mind us all,  
Our paths are lightened with his  
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Owls but do not show a  
Worried face for tomorrow the sun will be put back in its place.

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## MY CHILDHOOD

By Conor Kinsella

*(Kilanerin School)*

Childhood was so great  
With all my best mates,  
We went to the fields and played in the mud  
I could not believe that it was so good.

In the summer was the best  
Cycling through the woods getting wet,  
The fields and trees were so fun  
Fallen off pretending we had guns.  
When our mums called us in  
It was so bad them telling us it was time for bed.

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## **MY FIRST DAY**

By Lauren O'Toole  
(Ballythomas School)

My first day of secondary I really can't wait,  
Rushing to my classes the hassle of it all,  
I really hope I don't be late,  
My school bag weighing me down,  
My uniform might be big,  
But I won't wear a frown,  
But it won't be a duller,  
Because I'll add some colour,  
And make it all worth while,  
And wear a big smile!



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# WHEN I WAS SMALL

By Niamh Flemming  
(Kilanerin School)

I remember my childhood,  
Like it was yesterday,  
Playing outside,  
Wanting the sun to stay.

Watching television,  
Riding my bike,  
Playing with my dog,  
Were all things I liked.

Barney, the Wiggles,  
and the Tweenies,  
I sat down and watched,  
them with a bag of Meanies.

I loved to dance,  
I loved to sing,  
Wearing makeup, lots of bling.

When I look back and  
think about it all,  
Those were the best days of my life  
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# THE SEASONS

By Liam McCarthy  
(Ballyfad School)



In the Spring there's flowers growing,  
And there's rabbits running about,  
Now the snow is all gone,  
We can all play about outside.

In the Summer it is very hot,  
That's why we all want to go to the beach,  
And have a swim in the big blue sea,  
And we all want to be outside in the Summer.

In the Autumn it starts to get cold,  
And soon Winter will come along,  
The leaves start to change colour,  
And soon will fall off the trees.

In the Winter snow starts to fall,  
And it gets very cold,  
But the good news is Christmas  
will soon come along.

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# CARNEW, I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU!

By Michelle Bardon  
(Ballythomas School)

I used to be a baby,  
Well I could have been... maybe,  
It was so long ago I can't remember,  
All I can think of is September.

Secondary school will be a blast,  
But it won't go by really fast,  
Carnew will be so cool,  
But work will still make me drool.

I'll miss going to Ballythomas,  
Easy subjects like drawing a rhombus,  
Talking, playing, having fun too,  
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# CHILDHOOD OH CHILDHOOD

By Alüs Krimm  
(Kilanerin School)

Childhood oh childhood I miss you a lot,  
I wish I could squash you up in a pot,  
All the good memories I might forget,  
Like standing on the roof and smiling at the world,

Childhood oh childhood I miss you a lot,  
I wish now that I did not grow up,  
I know now that you are the best thing in my life,  
Goodbye now childhood I'm going to grow up,  
So I'm going to squash you up in a pot.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Donnchadh McDonald  
(Ballythomas School)

I go to Ballythomas National School,  
I am in sixth class, my last year,  
I'll miss soccer in the yard,  
But the time for secondary school is coming near.

I remember the first day of school,  
So terrified I didn't want to leave my mum,  
Summer, Christmas and Easter holidays were so cool,  
Colaiste Bhride Carnew here I come.

A new teacher for every subject,  
How will I remember?  
Lots of friends and fun to come,  
I can't wait for September.



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By Niamh Donnelly  
(Kilanerin School)

We all love camogie,  
Especially when we win,  
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For to be really good,  
On the field it is good fun,  
Running, blocking, hitting,  
During a match that we are going to win.



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## THE RAIN FOREST

By Casey Cushe  
(Ballyfad School)

The Rain Forest was huge,  
It had more trees than any other,  
It had more wild life,  
Never was anything so beautiful.

But now everything is changing,  
The rain Forest is been cut down,  
The animals are losing their home,  
Nothing is the same.

The Rain Forest will soon disappear,  
All the animals will have gone,  
All the beautiful trees will be cut down,  
Please save this beautiful wild life.

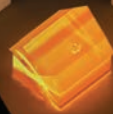


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## YESTERDAY

By Sarah Kenny

*(Kilanerin School)*

Back in the past  
Everything went so fast  
Wars and ships crashes  
Earthquakes and tsunamis  
Many types of tragedies  
World wars went on  
Now all we see is superstars  
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Back long ago was so different to now  
So hard to remembered it happened somehow.



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# ME AND MY FRIENDS

By Ryan Walsh  
(Ballythomas School)

My name is Ryan,  
I love games,  
I have six best friends,  
And I think school is lame.

My friends are great,  
Smart and funny,  
But they don't have much money.

Conner and Dylan are quite crazy,  
And michelle has a dog called Daisey,  
Finlay wants to work in nuclear,  
Jakob likes motorbiking in 5th gear.

I'll miss them all,  
Goodbye Ballythomas, I've had a ball.

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# SNOW LEOPARDS

By Tolleen Daly

(Ballyfad School)

We snow leopards jump along mountains wide,  
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Help keep our balance so climbing won't fail,  
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By Colm Noctor  
(Kilanerín School)

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Rubber burning  
  
Cars crashing,  
Racers clashing  
  
Cars spinning,  
Racers winning  
  
Thats car racing.

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Drawing Published 1826  
by George Petrie*



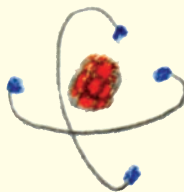
## WHAT'S UP?

By Finaly Power  
(Ballythomas School)

My name is Finaly Power,  
I want to be a physicist,  
To work around cooling towers.

That is my dream career,  
It's going to be difficult,  
To work around nuclear.

Here in primary today,  
There in secondary tomorrow,  
Later with the IAEA.



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## FROM SEED TO FLOWER

By Katie Conway  
(Ballyfad School)

When I went and planted my little seed,  
I was puzzled at how it would grow,  
So I loved it and watched it every day,  
To make sure it didn't die in the snow.

Now it's a baby about two inches tall,  
So I moved it into a little pot beside the wall,  
Now it can continue to grow,  
Because Spring has come and  
I'm not worried about the snow.

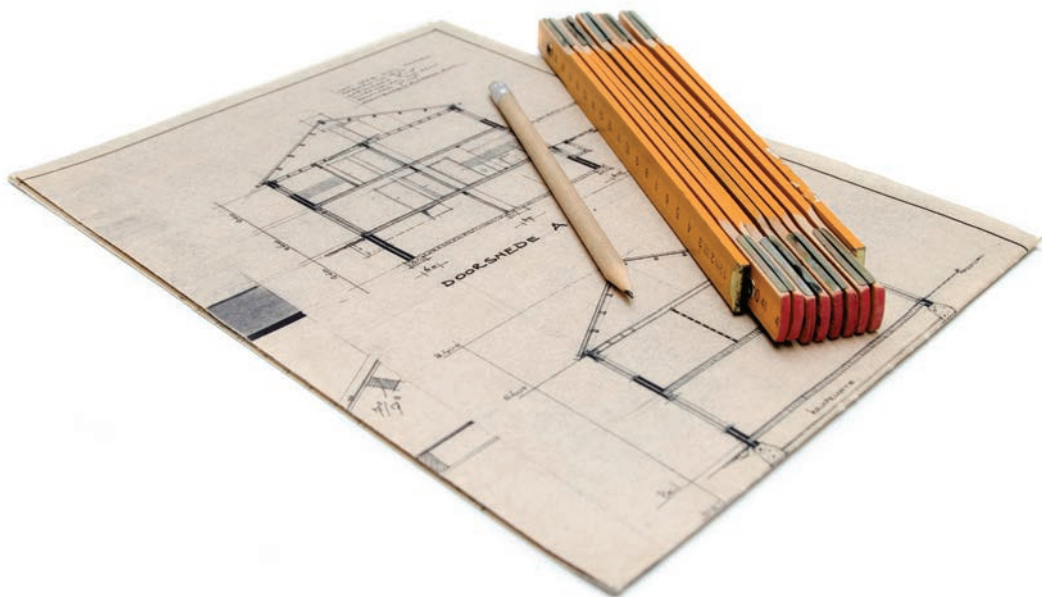
When Summer comes it will be lovely and tall,  
Fully grown, big and strong,  
Ready for the Winter that will come along.

## **MY MEMORIES**

By Clara Furlong

*(Kilanerin School)*

The thing I remember most about my childhood,  
Is the fun I had playing in the wood,  
We climbed trees,  
Got grazed knees,  
Swam in the rivers,  
Got the shivers,  
I was often late home,  
So I had to listen to my mothers scorn,  
These memories will last forever,  
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