



3rd Annual Kilannerin.com Poetry Competition 2013

GOODBYE OLD SCHOOL

By Ciara Fleming
(Kilannerin School)

Goodbye old school,
We're going away,
Goodbye old school,
We're leaving today,

Goodbye to the teachers,
Goodbye to them all,
The classrooms, the children,
The playground, the hall,

Goodbye old school,
We'll never forget,
The fun on school tours,
Getting soaked wet!!

Goodbye old school,
We've had lots of fun,
Playing football outside,
And gardening in the sun,
Goodbye old school,
What more can we say?



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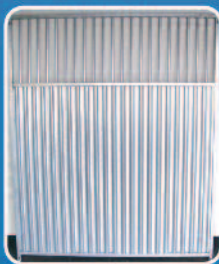
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June 2013

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition. The competition is open to the 6th class students from the three parish schools, Kilanerin, Ballyfad and Ballythomas. This year saw 22 students in total participate in the competition.

Congratulations to the 2013 winner Ciara Fleming for her poem '*Goodbye old School*', and to the runner-ups Fiona Boland, Cillian Leonard and Tamara Gethings.

The judge this year was Thomas Clare. Thomas is from Gurteen and has worked in An Post for the last thirteen years. He has been writing poems, short stories and plays for the last five years. Three of his plays have been performed locally in Inch and Gorey, and his current play "*The Deal*" is touring at the moment with several Fair City actors making up the cast. Thomas was part of a writing group who had a collection of their work published in 2011 titled "*Short Stories & Long Lies*". He most likes ghost stories and has compiled a good collection of local tales many of which have been printed in "*The Croghan Word*". Thomas's love for poetry has brought him to read at "*Cafe Fusion Poetry Evening*" in Wexford on several occasions.

Thanks

Kilanerin.com would like to thank Thomas for his time in judging the competition. Thanks to all the advertising sponsors who helped to get this wonderful booklet printed and also to the community secretary for all her time and help. A final thanks to all the 6th class students and their teachers for taking the time to submit their entries, without them this annual competition would not be possible or be the success it is.

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THE THEN AND THE NOW

By Fiona Boland
(Ballythomas School)



There's one thing that teenagers have
That other kids do not
It's lots and lots and lots and lots and lots
Of teenage spots

There's one thing that teenagers have
That other kids do not
It's clumsiness and mood swings
Getting happy, angry and hot

There's one thing that teenagers do
That other kids don't have to
It's exciting and scary and makes me nervous
And it's going to secondary school

There's one thing that teenagers get to do
That other kids don't have the privilege to
It's moan and groan and grumble and mumble
About going to secondary school


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MY DOG

By Cillian Leonard
(Ballyfad School)

Dog are a man's best friend,
They will love you forever from beginning to end.
There are skinny dogs, fat dogs, short and tall,
But I love my dog best of all.

My dog's named 'Blue',
If you're not careful she will eat your shoe.
She's a big, tall, smooth haired dog,
She's a Great Dane... not a shaggy coated sheepdog.

I love my dog best of all,
She comes to me when I call.
She will eat just about anything that comes her way,
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SECONDARY SCHOOL

By Tamara Gethings
(Kilanerin School)



A bell ringing,
A new beginning,
Feet tapping,
Children laughing,
And also chatting
It's so flattering,

Now in class,
We have to work fast.
In the past we were
Only in the one class

I'm going to miss my dear friends,
It's getting near to the end.
All that's left is the fear,
And looking forward
To the new school year

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SUMMER ALONE

By Ciarán Bolger
(Ballythomas School)

Summer is so much fun
Playing in the sun.
I am going to eat lots of buns
While I shoot a pellet gun.

Off to Mayo next week
So much fun I seek
I'm not going to eat a leek
While I'm in Mayo next week

When I come home
I'll have an Ice-cream cone
While I'm looking at a dome
and that's my summer alone

SECONDARY

By Paraic Hughes
(Ballythomas School)

Primary school gone at last
Secondary will come so fast
I'll be thinking about the past
Don't think my manners will last.

Getting our swipe cards
Floating into school
I'll tell you one thing
Secondary will rule.

All the football team is coming too
Mammy going out to buy black shoes
Playing with the football team
Hoping we will not lose!

GAME

By Matthew Millar
(Ballyfad School)

When it rains I want to game
When I game it always rains
By the time I'm finished I'm going to bed
And in the morning I hope it rains
So I can game and game and game again!

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GOODBYES AND HELLOS!

By Leah Cullen
(Ballythomas School)

Goodbye primary school
Finally that day has come
Excited and happy
No tears will come!

Off too Coláiste Bhríde
I can't wait!
French, Irish, English, Art, Home Ec, P.E
Religion, Maths, Science and more too!

I can't handle this no more
At least we have an iPad
Goodbye Ballythomas
And hello Carnew!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

By Anthony Kilty
(Ballythomas School)

Summers nearly here I can't wait
Play outside in the sun
Is going to be so much fun
And staying up late

Summers is the best
The PS3 gets a rest
Going to see my friends
And my cousins

Summers going to be fun
Eating loads of buns
Going back to school
Is what I hate



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MY MOTHER

By Jay Gethings
(Kilanerin School)

My mother keeps me strong and tough,
No matter if times get rough,
My mother is just like a wall,
She keeps me up when I fall.

My mother doesn't give up on me,
She knows how good I can be,
My mother really loves me so,
I love her too I hope she knows.

I really do love my mother,
Because I know I won't get another.

CARNEW

By Róisín Byrne
(Ballythomas School)

Carnew is getting near
I really cannot wait
I'll be full of fear
When I go to Carnew this year

But first I've got my holidays
Two months off at last
No more school
Hope they don't go by fast

And when the holidays end
As they always do
I'll put my uniform on
and head off to Carnew.

LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Roisin McDonald
(Ballythomas School)

Leaving primary school thanks be to God,
I'm going to Carnew in September,
The memories I have of Ballythomas I'll always remember.

I'm not scared of the teachers,
Even though they're horrible creatures,
My two big brothers might look out for me,
We'll have to wait and see.

I'm not going to cheat,
But I'll meet lots of new friends,
And bumping into them on streets,
Going to the cinema with them for a treat.



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MY DOG INDY

By Katie Doyle
(Ballyfad School)

My dog is a Tricolour King Charles
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She snores very loudly
She is also very cuddly

She is very fluffy
And loves a belly rub
She will sit and bark in front of you
Until you play with her

She loves to sleep and eat and play
And loves to run around
She is very energetic
And loves to go in the car

She loves baths
Adores cats
And just like every other dog
She loves attention!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

By Cliodhna O'Connell
(Ballythomas School)

Summer Holidays I can't wait
Going into school I hate
Carnew in September I hope I won't be late
If I am I'll have to listen to my fate.

Summer Holidays are so fun
I'm going to make a big huge bun
In the shape of a gun
It'll weigh a tonne.

Summer Holidays near the end
Playing football with a friend
I wish there was one more day
But still there's Carnew I can't wait Ya Yhay!!



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LEAVING BALLYTHOMAS

By Tara Kinsella
(Ballythomas School)

Another year is coming to an end,
Then I'm off on a new adventure in
September with my friends
Ballythomas the memories I do remember
Playing around and falling on the ground.

Summer fun and sun
Has just about begun
Beaches, friends and waterfalls
Staying up late all night.

Carnew in September
It's a whole new adventure
Meeting new friends and teachers
Though I'll miss Ms Maher
And Ballythomas too, Carnew will be a blast
Lots of laughter it will be so new!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

By Mariah Boland
(Ballythomas School)

Just finished 6th Class
All the craic we had
Secondary school coming fast
Coláiste Bhríde here I come!

With my mates
Clíodhna, Fiona and Róisín
I hope we won't be late be late
Having so much fun!

Summer holidays coming near
Playing football with Kilanerin
Winning all our matches
Getting to the All-Ireland's
and winning it!

Got to go now
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye
Miss ye all
It was so much fun!



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SECONDARY AT LAST

By Hannah Doonan
(Ballythomas School)

Only a month left in primary school
Can't wait, even though Ballythomas I love you
Summer holidays then Carnew
Going to be walking around in blue

Home Ec, History, French and Art
In Home Ec we'll be making tart
Bonjour, Merci, Arvoir
In History we'll learn about the World War

God help Carnew, I'll be coming in new
Talking, getting in trouble, playing on the iPad too
Secondary at last
We're going to have some blast

LEAVING BALLYTHOMAS

By Brid Nolan
(Ballythomas School)

Leaving primary school is so fun,
Carnew here we come,
Happy and excited,
That day I'll be delighted.

Summer holidays nearly here,
End of the school year,
Outside in the sun,
With my friends having fun.

I'll be dressed all in blue,
The summer holidays flew,
Finally getting my iPad,
Leaving Ballythomas will be so sad.

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GOREY

By Erin Bushe
(Ballythomas School)

Primary, we're leaving at last,
Secondary shall be a blast!
Going through that front gate,
Hoping that we won't be late!

Time really has flew by,
All the subjects, sure they are worth a try!
My red & green uniform,
Please God my jumper won't be torn!

Ballythomas, I'll miss you all,
Us girls, gossiping at the wall!
Primary really was a blast,
God help Gorey we're coming at last!

FRIENDS

By Shannon O'Hagan
(Ballythomas School)

I love my friends and they love me,
Sometimes we enjoy a cup of tea,
We love to have our daily chat,
We love our gossip and our fun,
So that's, that.

Ahh we do have fun in school,
But all the work can make you drule,
We do have fun with our teacher Ms Maher,
But all the messing can go a bit far.

We love meeting up when school ends,
Walking on the road through all the bends,
Sometimes we can have a fight,
But always make up over night,
You can't live without your friends
I'll really miss them when school ends.

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CHANCES & CHANGES

By Leah Byrne
(Ballythomas School)

Every summer I can't wait,
But school I often hate.
But when I leave primary school,
I'm going to miss all of the fools.

The summer holidays are so near,
Even the sky, it's so clear.
The summer holidays will be an adventure,
Everyday going to the shopping centre!

We're starting Carnew in September,
All the memories I will remember.
The work will be hard,
I hope from school I'm not barred!!!

I hope our friendship never ends,
Because my heart will bend.
You really mean a lot,
And we've been friends since we were in cots.

CARNEW

By Tadhg O'Neill
(Ballythomas School)

Primary school, nearly over,
Going to Carnew.
I might need a lucky clover,
I'm going somewhere new.

I can't wait to use the iPad,
It will be great fun.
If I forget it I'll be mad,
Now my bag won't weigh a tonne.

Holiday are nearing an end,
I'll be dressed all in blue.
I'll have classes to attend,
I'll have so much work to do.

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