6th Annual Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition 2016



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2016 Winner

DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

By Catherine D'Arcy (Ballythomas School)

When I grow up, I'll be big and strong! I'll have a cool job And feel like I belong.

Maybe I'll work in a circus, And play with elephants and big cats! Maybe I'll be a designer And design some silly hats.

Maybe I'll be a doctor,
That preforms important surgery,
I hope I won't be a robber,
That commits purgery!

But what I do, my parents won't mind. As long as I'm always joyful and kind, I can be whatever I want to be, As long as it makes me happy. So do whatever you want to do, I'll be me and you'll be you! So be whatever you want to be, You'll be you and I'll be me!

Don't let anyone make you change, Always stay the same. You don't have to look like a superstar, Looks won't get you very far.

So don't part from your friends, They'll be there 'til the end, They'll be there through thick and thin, They'll be there if you loose or win.

> So I'll say it again, Never leave your friends, Yes, I'm going to repeat, Do what makes you happy!

Congratulations to the 2016 winner Catherine D'Arcy for her poem 'Do what makes you happy', and to the runner-ups Katie Cunningham, Laura Ivers and Michaela Chambers.

The judges this year were Bernie Walsh and Carol Boland from the Gorey Writers. Gorey Writers was founded in 2006 by Bernie Walsh. As they are 10 years old this year, the writers are launching an anthology of Short Stories, poems, haiku and prose poetry in November 2016. There is about 16 people in our group and meet on Thursdays in the Gorey Library.

Note from the Judges

We would like to congratulate all the entrants to the 6th Annual Kilanerin.com Poetry Competition. It was a pleasure to read all the poems submitted and a difficult task to choose a winner. We hope that this competition will continue to encourage the pupils of Ballythomas, Kilanerin and Ballyfad National Schools to keep on writing.

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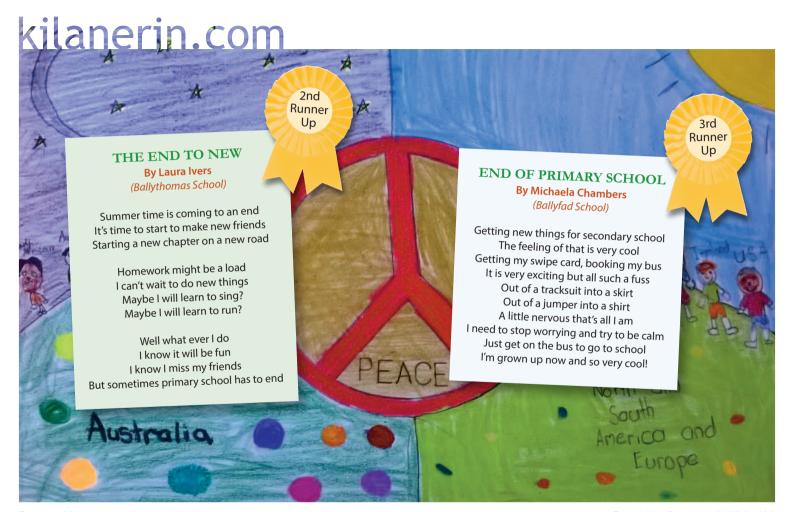


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kilanerin.com WINTER by Darragh D'Eathe CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER (Kilanerin National School) HURLING By Lauren Kelly Trees baring By Dylan Nash (Ballyfad School) Frost glistening (Kilanerin National School) Snow falling I can't wait for summer, Winter is approaching. **H**aving fun It's going to be a blast, Under the sun All the children playing, Knees guivering Enjoying the sun at last. **R**unning around Teeth chattering Laughing with my friends Hands freezing Swimming in the sea, In Kilanerin pitch Winter is numbing. Playing in the sand, Night and day Oh I can't wait for summer, **G**oing to win the hurling final. Tea boiling It's going to be a blast. Dinner cooking Fire roaring Winter is comforting.

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kilanerin.com MY BIG JOURNEY **SCHOOL By Katie Foote** (Kilanerin National School) By Cian Hughes (Ballythomas National School) Kilanerin I'll miss truly I will, This village always gave me a thrill. Playing Soccer The football, the school also my friends, Rackard league But now I have to turn a big bend. I'll miss this school **SUMMER HOLIDAYS** Mini Sevens Going to the shop with my neighbours, Art I hate By Síofra Byrne Ooh the ice-cream had a great flavour. Rounders Hoved (Ballyfad School) Climbing up the Curragh Woods wall, Yard was so fun And kicking around the soccer ball. Packing my bag is so exciting Eight whole weeks with no writing Sometimes very bad Playing in the garden with Gertie and Bailey, Can't wait to get on the plane Craic At least I'll still be walking them daily. Homework is easy And fly off down the lane. My best friends' Olive and Hannah I'll miss as well, Oh I loved my friends Oh and I'll miss ringing the bell. Oh I loved primary school Go to Legoland, visit the beach, LOL playing in the sand Kilanerin village so small, Hire a car travel a far But creates friendships so strong. It's going to be so fun To all my friends I made from the start, To play in the sand and lie in the sun. My tears will fall as we depart, But Kilanerin will stay in my heart.

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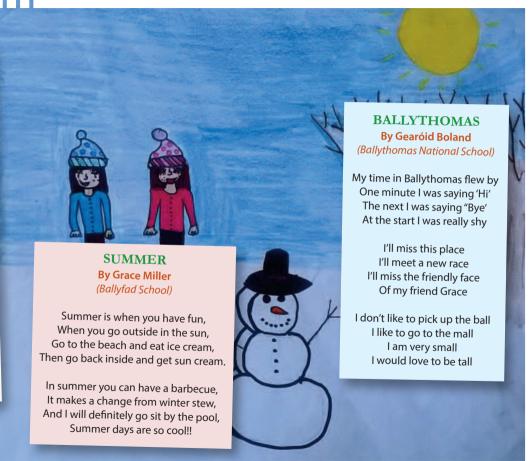
By Bronagh Bolger (Kilanerin National School)

I wish for summer's sunny days To come and visit me, So I can play in the warm summer sun Or splash in the cold blue sea.

I wish fluffy white clouds, To drift across the sky. So I can play the guessing game As they slowly sail by.

I wish for sizzling barbeques, For delicious finger food. With hotdog rolls and burger buns When everyone is in a good mood.

I wish for all my friends to play Together in the sun. To run, to hide, to chase, to jump and always have great fun!



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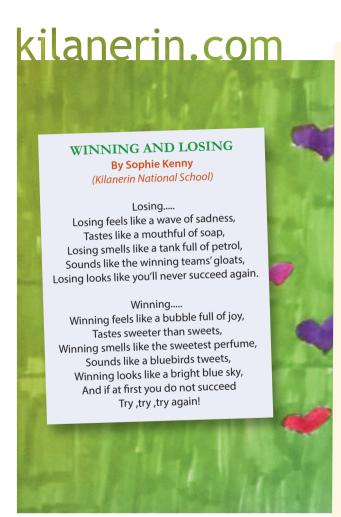




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SCIENCE AT ITS BEST

By Éabha Last

(Kilanerin National School)

Pushing through the bushes, Thinking to myself, I'm sure it's not healthy, To always be this stressed.

A growling up ahead, Stops me in my tracks, The bush starts to rustle, Oh, where's my backpack?

Then out jumps a creature, The strangest I've seen, It's most disturbing feature, Was its pink fur and feet

Big brown eyes, And two front paws, Strong hind legs, They suggest no flaws

I took a picture, Of this strange thing, And showed it to my science teacher, Later on that week

> 'Fluffy!' He exclaimed, Oh, so filled with glee, 'My experiment is safe, It's my rabbit crossbreed.'



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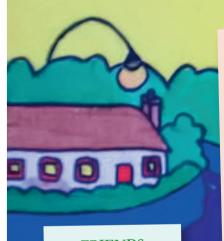


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FRIENDS

By Michaela Kavanagh (Ballyfad School)

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WHAT TO DO?

By Conor Jones (Kilanerin National School)

Will I wash my Dad's van ? Or pee in a can!! Will I stay in bed ? Or play hurling instead?

Will I watch tv ? Or have a cup of tea? Will I go football training ? Or try Lion taming!!

Will I work in Murphy's shop? Or buy some flip flops? Will I move some cattle? Or fight in a battle!!

Will I get ready for Secondary School?
Or play some pool?
Will I bathe in the sea?
Or cut down a tree..!!
So much to do !!!!!

MY FUTURE JOB

By David Neville (Kilanerin National School)

Will I be a rich businessman?
Or something small like selling soft drink cans?
I could be a successful engineer,
Or work in the slums on 20 grand a year.

Maybe I'll work with guns and the law Actually no, too many flaws! I might work at the local fire station, But for now it's all in my imagination.

SUMMER

By Eoin O'Neill (Ballythomas National School)

School tour
Uachtar-reoite on a hot day!
Much more sunny weather
Milkshakes to cool you down
Eating ice-pops
Running on the beach

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THE FINAL

By Olive Curtis
(Kilanerin National School)

The whistle goes you're in the zone Giving shoulders as the ball is thrown, Hearts are pounding. Shots rebounding You're part of a team now your now on your own.

> The ball is shot to the back of the net The crowd goes wild But it's not over yet.

Suddenly it's the final minute, A point is all it takes to win it, The whistle goes we've got a free Now it's all up to me.

Anxious supporters on the side, Hoping this all does not go wide, There's a deafening silence as the free is taken It's over the bar there's no mistaken!

> In the stands cheers go up Tears in our eyes as we lift the cup!

SUMMER IS DAWNING

By Darragh' O'Dowd (Kilanerin National School)

Summer is dawning upon us once more
The days are growing
The sun is glowing
And the clouds are retreating again

The leaves are green
The flowers have bloomed
And the hours are whittling away

So hurry outside
Before the leaves turn brown
The sun goes down
And this wonderful season passes.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

By Ciarán O' Sullivan (Ballythomas National School)

The sun is shining Going overseas flying Birthday is near Gong to the beach pier September comes you start crying

Days running out Never a fear of a drought Going back to school It's really just cruel All you can do is scream and shout.

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By Hannah Noctor (Kilanerin National School)

Bell has rang, we're out the door, summer time is not to be ignored. Two months off school, no homework to do. suntan and ice-cream are well over due! As I walk in Kilanerin, smiles are on people's faces, waiting to go to exciting places. No stress due to work, schools over at last, finally the school terms are in the past. Hanging out with my friends all the time, summer break should be treasured like a dime. Footballs my favourite sport by far, shooting points over the bar, oh look Olive just got a yellow card, hopefully this time she won't be barred. Second half left were given a penalty, here comes our penalty taken by Katie, 30 seconds left to go, balls at the back at the net, "it's a goal!" Lá Ceol coming up after May, hopefully I'll win with my tin whistle on the day. Playing hard and singing songs, our aim is to come out strong. Were out of a routine into a fresh start, now it's time to take our part. Summer time is so much fun. So much to do before summer done.

MY HOLIDAY

By Dervla Noctor (Kilanerin National School)

We are going on our holiday, To the warm Summer Sun. We're leaving for the ferry, It's going to be fun.

I packed my bags last night, And heaved them out with all my might. To go on our holiday, And stay up all night.

I woke up at 4:00, And rushed out the door. With some baggage and a package, Will I need more?

I rushed to the car,
As we had to drive far.
We got there on time,
With 30 mins to spare,
And we drove to the pier to pay the fare.

As we got on the boat,
I knew it was afloat.
And we got to the English Sun,
And we had lots of fun.

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SUN ON YOUR FACE

By Simon Campbell Carty (Ballythomas National School)

I live in Wexford, it's a lovely place The sun shines on your face I've lived here quiet a while And I've always had a big smile.

My Dad lived in Sligo, it's a lovely place You don't tend to get sun on your face His Dad lived on an island Just of the coast of Ireland.

My Mum lived in Cork, it's a lovely place You get a good bit of sun on your face She lived there when she was small And moved to Meath when she was tall.

We've always had fights on which one is best But then we realised we're as good as all the rest.

FLEADH CEOIL

By Orlagh Bolger (Kilanerin National School)

The county Fleadh was such a buzz,
It brings great memories, it really does!
Walking up the hill in The 'Ford
While looking at the competition board!
I played the fiddle it didn't go great,
On the list I was number eight!
We went to the complex and practiced quickly,
We went on stage feeling sickly!
We got the win, it went great!
Our music teacher had a lot of faith!!

We went on to The Leinster, it was right craic,
We walked into Maynooth with instruments on our back!
We ran around having fun,
While our parents chatted in the sun,
The Call Clerk came to bring us on stage,
We won again we were on the All Ireland page.

We practiced in The 'Ford all summer long!
We worked for the Fleadh and made sure nothing was wrong!
We went to Sligo and busked all day,
Then we bought Fleadh-hoodies with our pay!
Finally we competed on the last day,
We came 3rd in the All Ireland, Hip-Hip-Hooray.

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By Roisin Noctor (Kilanerin National School)

Hurrying Scurrying To get through the crowds,

Practice in the complex, While the competitions Are on.

Our teacher is giving out with the Stress of it all But it's all right because were having a ball.

When we're called to go on We're put in our place. And we're all a nervous wreak While we are waiting for the results

But we're all heading to Leinster's in July.

THE HOLIDAYS

By Aoife McGonigle (Ballythomas National School)

> In the summer It isn't a bummer Lying in the sun And having fun

The time is gone Now I've to move on It's been very long But now I've got to be strong

Oh I'm really looking forward now I really don't know how I'll jump up and down When I'm going into Gorey town

BASKETBALL HAIKU

By John Fortune (Kilanerin National School)

Playing basketball
Dribbling, shooting, blocking
It is so much fun.

SUMMERTIME

By Caoimhe Byrne (Ballythomas National School)

I love the summer sun Playing outside having fun Going to the beach We get an ice cream each.

I love to go on the plane To France or to Spain I jump in the pool And I hate to think about school.

I'm very excited for secondary school I'm going in September, it will be cool Primary school, I'm ready to leave Secondary school here I come. I will not grieve.

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ABOUT THE POETRY COMPETITION

The competition is open to the 6th class students from the three parish schools. Kilanerin, Ballyfad and Ballythomas. This year saw 31 students participate in the competition.

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