

7TH ANNUAL KILANERIN.COM POETRY COMPETITION 2017



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Congratulations to the joint 2017 winners Roisín Hughes for her poem *My Imaginary Friend* and to Faith O'Connor for her poem *The Homeless Family*, and to the runner ups Kellie O'Neill, Saoirse McDonald and Cliona McCarthy.

The judges this year was Thomas Clare. This year there was 24 entries from the three schools.

MY IMAGINARY FRIEND

By Roisín Hughes
(Ballythomas National School)

I have an imaginary friend called Pat,
He isn't thin but he isn't fat.
He follows me wherever I go,
He isn't fast but he isn't slow.

He has dark black hair and four red eyes,
But you can't see him because he's in disguise.
He lives in my house under my bed,
He comes out at night when he needs to be fed.

He sleeps all day and comes out at night,
And when I see him he gives me a fright.
No one can see him but I do,
And if you saw him you'd be scared too.

Joint
2017
Winners

THE HOMELESS FAMILY

By Faith O'Connor
(Ballyfad National School)

There was a day when I was in Dublin,
Homeless people everywhere,
Even though my heart it bled I had no change to spare.

How horrible the sight I was about to see,
Out on the street a family just like you and me,
Mam and Dad and two little girls,
Everything they owned looked old and shabby not one thing looks remotely new,
Looking frightened and worried through the winds and harsh whirls,
Everything they had in a suitcase or two,
So sad and hungry they had nothing to give,
So skinny and sick they didn't look like they had the will to live.

Families should not be out on the street like this,
All of us need a place to live,
My heart it breaks to see things like this,
I wanted to take out my purse and just give,
Looking at this family walking around,
Your heart would be filled with sadness and be weighed down to the ground.

My Six Pence - Thomas Clare

I must admit to being amazed at the standard of poetry in this years competition, I've laughed, cried and have even learned a new phrase "brain fart!" I've been suffering from these for many years but never knew what to call them. I found it very tough to separate two poems in particular so thanks to Damian we have decided to have two joint winners. In the interest of fairness I was only given the poems and school name, not the authors name.

"*The Homeless Family*" written by a Ballyfad student really astonished me! For a child so young in years to have empathy and awareness for others in trouble is a real credit to her parents and teachers. The writing technique and portrayal of emotion in phrases and vocabulary is simply astounding, a worthy winner, however, "*My Imaginary Friend*" written by a Ballythomas student was equally worthy. Although a very different piece of writing it is a truly

fantastic piece of work. It takes a terrific creative mind to invent an imaginary creature and describe him in detail that brings him to life. If the writer is good at illustrations it would make a super children's bedtime story! Two very worthy winners, both gifted and creative authors!

I really enjoyed all the poems and a diverse selection of work it was. I must congratulate Damian on his continued dedication towards the project. More importantly, I urge the children involved to keep writing, even if it is only a journal. It is an amazing way of expressing yourself and problem solving. It will often astound you what you can create out of a blank page. Thank you for asking me to be a judge for a second time and I congratulate all our young authors once more.

About the Judge

Thomas is a Coolgreany native and has been writing for many years. He writes poetry, short stories, articles and plays. Thomas has found most success to date with his playwriting, with five plays brought to production by Coolgreany Drama, Kilmuckridge Drama, Cowslip Productions and Shanachie. He has had one professional production "The Deal" with Aisling O'Neill of Fair City playing the lead role which toured many venues in Co. Wexford and Dublin.

Thomas takes most pride in his involvement in the monthly issue of "The Croghan Word" which ran for six and a half years and featured many of his short stories and articles. He was also a member of "The Snug at 730" writing group who published a book of work "Short Stories & Long Lies" and was launched by the Minister of Arts and Kerry footballer Jimmy Deenihan.

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MY SUMMER TIME

By Kellie O'Neill

(Kilanerin National School)

Every year about this time
The sun comes out and begins to shine.
Clouds disappear and rain is banished;
So now's the time to brush up on Spanish!
Sure, it's off to the Canaries we will go!
It doesn't matter it's the fourth time in a row!
No matter the cost there's no time to spare -
'Cause this is Ireland and we've got RYANAIR!

NEARLY TIME

By Saoirse McDonald

(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is here,
But I won't shed a tear.
Ballythomas has been great,
We were never late.
Time to take out the pool,
I'll look like a fool.

Hanging out with my friends,
Thinking that the fun will never end.
Gorey Community School here I come,
I will miss Ballythomas a tonne.
But that is in the past,
I know I will have a blast.

But now it is time just to enjoy the summer sun,
I'm going to have a bit of fun.
Can't wait to go the pitch,
Hopefully I don't hit the sliotar in the ditch.



HOLIDAYS

By Cliona McCarthy

(Ballyfad National School)

When School days end
And summers begin
We get the pool
And jump right in

We have a blast
Playing in summers heat
Wanting it all
To last and last

Letting the sun dry out
All the fear and all the doubt
We had exams, we had some tests
We can't do much
We did our best

Lets make the most
Lets be glad
Only two months
I know... it's sad



SEPTEMBER 2017

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Clara Hart
(Kilanerin National School)

I walk in through the gates and in through the door.
I'm leaving my friends, the friends I adore.
I look to the future, people say it is bright.
New school, new friends; will everything be alright?
I'm heading to class with some pencils and pens,
I wish to go home but the nerves never end.
It's normal to be nervous about the unknown;
Take each new day and make it your own

MOVING

By Colm Donnelly
(Kilanerin National School)

My mum came home from work one day,
With a letter in her hand
She said the house was getting sold
We'd move to some different land.

Dad was not too happy
When mum told him the news
See, Dad liked to fix things
And the house would have him used.

When we came to our new home
It needed doing up.
But Dad had his spirits lifted;
He'd fix plates, spoons and cups.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

By Brendan Bolger
(Ballythomas National School)

Sports is so good
I play them with my bud
I hit the ball
At the wall

My Mam called me in
To take out the bin
I go to the game
It was not lame

We won the cup
And got a pup
We went to Noel's
And got a couple of foals

SECONDARY SCHOOL

By Séine Daly
(Ballyfad National School)

Starting new
Everyone excited
Counting down
Only a few months away
New uniform
Dictionaries
Art class
Really big school
You know.

Sunny days hopefully
Calculations
History and geography
Oh new pencils
Oh new pens
Looking forward to school!

NOVEMBER 2017

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LIFE!!!

By Michéal McGonigle
(Ballythomas National School)

I play GAA, sometimes I feed cows hay.
I drive my lawnmower, I wish summer
would go slower.

No homework for end of the year,
My Mam is delighted and might have a
beer.

Hit the ball up into heaven,
Wearing jersey number seven.

Scoring goals in the school yard,
Which isn't very hard.

MY BROTHER AND I

By Aine Kinch
(Kilanerin National School)

When my brother was born in 2007,
It was like he was an angel from heaven!

I thought he was mean and a little brat;
Everyone thought he was precious and even a little fat!

But as we began to grow,
the fighting stopped and we started to know.

Even though sometimes we don't like each other,
I am very glad that he is my brother.

BENEATH THE WAVES

By Katie Kealy
(Ballyfad National School)

Beneath the waves,
There's another world,
With underwater sea caves.

It's some people's wish,
To go for a swim,
With the fish.

With whales and sharks,
Beneath the waves,
There is lots to treasure,
In the underworld sea caves.

THE FARM

By J.J Harnett
(Ballythomas National School)

I work on a farm
In the barn
So I asked bae
To help me with the hay

I have a Massey
And it is classy
But a Zetor is better
If she ain't red, leave it in the shed

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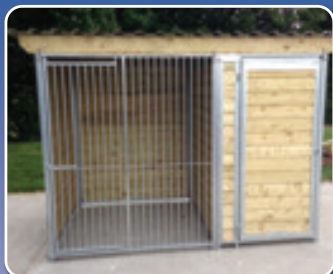
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SUMMER

By Ruth Redmond

(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is here,
No drinking beer,
Going up to the farm,
Hopefully I don't get into any harm,
Milking the cows,
Soon I'll be making my wedding vows.

Silage time is coming,
Hit the diff I'll be humming,
Ye can't beat Nanny's tae,
Sipping on it all day.

KILANERIN CLASS OF 2017

By Clodagh Lawless

(Kilanerin National School)

Kilanerin field day in June,
A sign our summer holidays are coming soon.

A break from school is really cool,
But I will be sad to leave this school.

Although 6th class will go separate ways,
We will stay in touch and remain friends always.

In our 8 years, fond memories we made,
And like our friendship they will not fade.

WRITING A POEM

By Sean Leonard

(Ballyfad National School)

Writing a poem is so hard,
Having a complete brain fart,
I should write about spiders,
Or maybe ghost riders,
Or maybe dinosaurs,
Or maybe cold sores,
Or superman,
Or a guy named Dan,
Or cars,
Or Mars,
Or jars,
I just don't know!

SUMMER

By Caoilinn McNulty

(Ballythomas National School)

It's time to stop cleaning,
And stop potato peeling.
Getting away from all the dealings,
And start having a happy feeling.

Let's head to the beach,
Where there is nobody there to teach.
So parents don't have to use bleach,
Just make sure there aren't any leeches.

SUMMER

By Daniel Bolger

(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is so cool,
Going in the pool,
Acting the fool,
No more school!

Playing hurling and football,
Hitting the ball off the sidewall,
I will still be playing ball,
In the rainfall.

MARCH 2018

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SUMMER

By Saidhbhe Byrne
(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is here,
It's that time of year,
Blue skies, lovely weather,
Friends playing all together.

Enjoying the sun,
It is so fun,
It's going to be a blast,
But it won't last.

THE FÉILE

By Kiva Kinsella
(Kilanerin National School)

The school bell rang at 20 to 3.
That's primary school over and done with for me!
In a couple weeks we'll be hosting the Féile.
We will hopefully win, we'll just have to see.

Teams coming down from Longford.
We have been training all year.
I think we have a fair chance of winning,
And our whole team will be grinning!

TRACTORS

By Shane Kelly
(Kilanerin National School)

Tires raking
Attaching balers
Chocolate biscuits and tea
Others
Rolling the grass down the hill for silage.

SUMMER FUN

By Aisling Fitzpatrick
(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is here now
Put her into 6th gear
Jump right in
while the parents are drinking gin
The Fleadh is coming soon
We'll be playing a right few tunes

Up to Ennis
But not for a game of tennis
All the matches we'll play
On a sunny day of May
Summer is ending now
Soon Ruth will be marrying her cow

POEM

By Tim Ivers
(Ballythomas National School)

Primary school is near the end,
I must say bye to some of my friends.
I will leave the school this year,
Secondary school is very near.

The holidays are coming, cool!
Going to the swimming pool.
Playing games with my friends,
Staying up not going to bed.

In Kilanerin playing sports,
Wearing t-shirts, wearing shorts.
Football, hurling, all of that,
Feeding the dog and the cat.

Carnew is waiting for me,
And I can't wait to see.
What it will be like,
I'll take the bus and not the bike.

SUMMER

By Alana Noblett
(Ballythomas National School)

Summer is a blast
Under the sunny sun
Many people get burnt
Mainly when they relax
Ending the school term
Running and playing and having fun

MAY 2018

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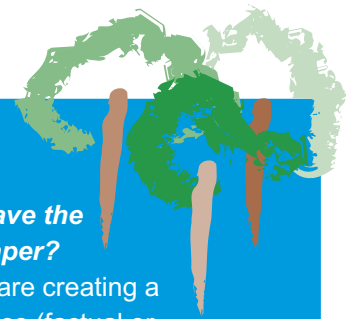
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ABOUT THE POETRY COMPETITION

Now in its 7th year, the annual poetry competition is open to the 6th class students from the three parish schools (Kilanerin, Ballyfad and Ballythomas).

This year 24 students participated in the competition.

THANKS

Kilanerin.com would like to thank Thomas Clare for his time in judging the competition. Thanks to all the advertising sponsors and the Kilanerin-Ballyfad Community Development Association who helped to get this wonderful calendar booklet printed. A finally 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 the success that it is.

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