

# THE BEAUMONT NEWS

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Coolgreena Close Park

### **UPGRADE WORKS IN COOLGREENA CLOSE PARK ON SCHEDULE FOR EARLY COMPLETION**

**R**efurbishment works in Coolgreena Close Park are progressing well and it is expected to have same completed before the onset of the rainy winter weather.

The unsightly broken wall at the front of the Park is gone – and good redden. It was an eyesore and served as an attractive seat for young gangs who deposited their empty cans, wrappers and other litter inside the wall. While the current appearance in the aftermath of the wall removal is unsightly, it will when finished be aesthetically pleasing. The open feel and general ambience of the Park when completed will be inviting, safe and welcoming and indeed will provide a whole new amenity for the hundreds of immediate neighbours who could not heretofore access the Park. The new perimeter path will be particularly attractive for buggies and wheelchairs with its easy access. I believe anyone who appreciates a nice walk in a Park will be delighted with the finished product. Our thanks to Eoin Ward, Parks Superintendent with Dublin City Council, for organising and carrying out the works as promised. We know the residents of Coolgreena Close are experiencing some inconvenience due to the construction works and thank them for their assistance in this regard.



Collinswood Site

*Low lies the field in Collinswood  
Where once we watched the  
cows chew the cud  
but the Tiger and the Greed  
they conspired to buy the field  
and now we are facing tragedy.*

*The case we made was clear  
But the Planners would not hear  
now we must fight to save our greenery  
from the high-rise and the hell  
the gridlock and the smell  
so we can raise our kids in safety.*

*We live in hope and pray  
Bord Pleanala saves the day  
For the people of Beaumont  
And the neighbours all about  
and restore our faith and  
trust in Authority.*

**An Bord Pleanala is expected to deliver its decision on the Beaumont Residents Association appeal later this autumn. Let us hope the news is good.**



## **Christmas Party Time**

**Yes! It's that time of the year again.**

**A big occasion on the calendar of our Senior Members.**

***Senior Citizens Free Christmas Party***

**on Saturday, December 3rd 2005**

**in Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre at 7.30 pm.**

FREE transport provided. Members wishing to attend the Party should give their names to any Committee Member or post them in our Post Boxes in the Shell shop and Post Office. CAPACITY IS LIMITED AND TICKETS ALLOCATED ON 'FIRST COME FIRST SERVED' BASIS.



## PUTTING BEAUMONT FIRST – FINIAN McGRATH T.D. (IND.)

Dear Resident,

Just keeping in touch with you on all local issues. At the moment I am working with the people of Beaumont on City Council issues, crime, care for the elderly, litter, environment, roads and drains and pushing for improvements at Beaumont hospital.



Finian McGrath T.D. (Ind)

I will continue to put your issues at the top of my political agenda in the Dail and with City Hall. I am available to serve the people of Beaumont at all times.

Best wishes

**FINIAN McGRATH T.D. (IND)**

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# Those were the Days!

By Tom Darby

It would be very hard for the younger generation to visualise what Beaumont was like in the old days. My first excursion into Beaumont occurred in 1950, when as a conductor on the 51A bus, I made my acquaintance with the area. The bus operated from Eden Quay to Beaumont via North Strand, Fairview, Philipsburg Ave, Griffith Ave, and Grace park Road and reversed into Yellow Road and the terminus was outside the cottages on Beaumont Road. On two occasions during the day the bus would travel on further up Beaumont Road to the convalescent home to facilitate anyone visiting there and the times were 3 o'clock from Eden Quay and 9 o'clock pm also. There was a crooked bridge opposite where the Beaumont market is and when the bus passed that point it was a wilderness except for a couple of cottages. The road was so narrow that there was barely room for the bus to travel it and I remember the briars tearing the sides of the bus as we made our way up to the convalescent home. The road came to a dead end with a big galvanised gate across and there was barely enough room to reverse into the gateway at the home. There was a big house behind that gate and the residents were Smiths and there was a huge orchard there. All the present Beaumont Crescent was part of the orchard which was cut down and built on. There was also a big house vacant where the park at Coolgreena Close is and all the adjoining land was being built on. On the right as you entered this part of Beaumont, the houses were being built by crouch builders and on the left by Gallagher, Furlong and Roarty. Houses in the area were being occupied from 1953 onwards but Beaumont Road remained a Cul De Sac for several years later. I remember walking in at the side of the galvanised gate and walking down a grassy lane and you came out at Kilmore Road. It was known than as Skellys Lane and it retained this name when the Road through was built. Up to that time children could even play on the road as traffic was non existent. Shops were built on Shantalla Road in 1955 and in 1966 the Beltons who originally owned the land built the pub call 'The Rendezvous' and opened it on August Monday 1956. It was a wonderful local.

Contrast that period and background to the present day where Beaumont is often mentioned in traffic bulletins and where gridlock is constant. Will it get better or worse? The decision of Dublin City Council to have an exit road from Collinswood will create havoc. It appears that body has abandoned all notion of easing traffic and their judgement on this issue has made them redundant. There is nothing on the horizon that signals an easement in the future.



## NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS

### for the Cools



#### THE FOLLOWING SIGNAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED.

Yield sign on Cooleen Avenue, at junction with Coolgreena Road.  
Yield sign on Coolrua Drive, at junction with Coolgreena Road.  
Yield sign on Coolatree Park, at junction with Coolgreena Road.

Stop sign on Cooleen Avenue, at junction with Coolgariff Road.  
Stop sign on Coolrua Drive, at junction with Coolgariff Road  
Stop sign on Coolatree Park, at junction with Coolgariff Road.

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## CHILDREN'S SPORTS & FUN FESTIVAL 2005

On Saturday 25th June, Committee Members and helpers assembled at Coolgreena Close Park around midday to prepare and set up the various events that were to take place from 2pm. It was a beautiful day and the children came along with their Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandads.

There were races for every age (boys and girls) up to the age of 12 years. It was all so exciting for the children who won the races. Unfortunately, there always has to be losers too and that's all in the game of sports. The



*Enjoying the Kids Sports & Summer Fest 2005  
L-R: Louise Redmond, Chloe Lawlor, Jane Keenan*

plenty shoot-out was a great success with the boys and the girls. Congratulations to all who won.

To add to the sports day we had a Bouncy Castle and a slide, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The Wheel of Fortune was very successful this year and the best to date. Michael Maher kept the wheel spinning and Connie Butler and Noreen couldn't sell the tickets fast enough such was the demand for them. The shop under the management of Shane was doing brisk business and there were plenty of bargains for the children.

The barbecue went so well, that every burger and sausage was gone in no time.

I believe they tasted delicious! Phyllis, Ciaran and PJ kept the children and adults happy with their tasty hot food.

Where would be without our Community Gardai who came along and gave the children spins in their jeep with flashing lights etc. much to the delight of the children. At 3.00pm the Fire Engine arrived and the children again enjoyed using the hose and were allowed to examine the Fire Engine etc. A big thanks you to Sergeant John O'Driscoll, Gardai Mark O'Connell, Cian O'Mahony, and Elaine Ferguson and also to the Fire Engine Crew from Kilbarrick.

The Glamorous Granny and Trendiest Grandad took place at the very end of the day. Garda Elaine Ferguson was the judge and after a difficult decision and lots of time and effort put in she choose Annie Burke as the Glamorous Granny and Desmond

O'Loughlin as the Trendiest Grandad. Elaine presented both of them with prizes and they had their photos taken. Congratulations to both of them.

We wish to say a big thank you to all our volunteers for their time and dedication, as you

are all aware we thoroughly appreciate the time and effort that you contribute to the Sports and Fun Day. We wish to thank most sincerely in a special way Aidan & Breda Buckley for the use of their electricity and all the work Aidan put in with cleaning up the park at 9am before we all came along.

***Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.***

## GAA NEWS

We wish to thank Noel Ellis for his article on Whitehall Colmcille GAA.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As winter approaches and the days shorten remember to close your curtains and leave nothing visible to the eyes of any potential burglar, for we never know where there is one lurking around the area. Leave on a light and the radio when leaving the house in the evening. Keep a close watch for your neighbour's houses and report anything suspicious to the Gardai. Please don't answer the door to strangers. If you have questions or queries please phone: Noreen 8374590. Deirdre 087-6398816. Phyllis 087-6474479



## NEW HOMEOWNERS



We wish to welcome all new homeowners in Beaumont. If you wish to become part of our Residence Association and be updated with news and views please contact Des: 086 8575814 or Noreen 8374590.

## BRA SUPPORTERS DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT

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## SCHOOL TRIP COMPETITION

We wish to thank the teachers of St. Fiachra's Junior School for encouraging the children to write a little story on their School Trip. It was a difficult decision but the following three entries were the best.

- 1st Grace Cotter** - Room 16,  
**2nd Sarah-Jane Maguire** - Room 21  
**3rd Sorchá Ryder** - Room 21.



Congratulations to the above three winners and thanks to all who entered the competition for your time and effort.

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## BEST OF LUCK TO HELEN!

Its farewell to Helen Breheny who is leaving Coolgreena road but she is not going too far away. She will be missed by all who live on this road, as she has been part of this neighbourhood for longer than I can remember. She always has a jolly smile and a little chat for everyone she meets on the road. We hope to see her back very soon for a cuppa. We wish her all the best in her new home.

## CHRISTMAS ISSUE

*The Christmas Issue of The Beaumont News will be published on 9th December. Closing date for submissions is 18th November.*

## D.I.Y.

Some of our Senior Citizens are requesting us to compile a list of names of people who are retired and are willing to do the odd job for widowers and widows for a reasonable price. If you think you could help in any way i.e. electrician, plumber, carpenter, gardener, painter, decorator or are just a general D.I.Y. person please phone or write to us and we will do the rest. If you do put your name forward, thanks for helping to make life a little easier for our Senior People in Beaumont.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to **Peggy Nolan** on her recent 88th Birthday. We wish her good health and happiness in the coming year.



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** are very welcome. €50 cash prize for the best letter published.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all who achieved their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Beaumont Residents Association wish to acknowledge receipt of a cheque for €440.83 from 'Old Beaumont Neighbourhood Watch'. Many thanks to Ann Cullen, Dromawling Road and her colleagues. The money is appreciated and we will endeavour to put it to good use. Ann is very welcome to join our Committee anytime, we would be delighted to have you on board.

## COOLGREENA CLOSE PARK

As you all know we are getting the park upgraded with a path around the circumferences and the old horrible wall knocked. Lets hope it will be kept free of rubbish. Unfortunately the graffiti looks bad on some of the walls. We hope to get this cleaned up. Thanks to all who do keep the end of Coolgreena Close and the Park clean and tidy when the need arises.



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE BEAUMONT NEWS**

# St. Fiachra's – First Holy Communion



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**  
 St. Fiachra's 2nd Class, together with Teacher Ms. Hayes after celebrating First Holy Communion in May 2005



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIRLS:**  
 Jennifer Roddy, Rebecca Hayes, Sorchá Ryder, Ailbhe Cowley and Sarah-Jane Maguire

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## THE 'NEW IRISH' 爱尔兰的中国人

Two days ago, I called a friend who was my classmate in language school three years ago. He told me he was going back to China next week. I could hear his tiredness though the phone. After three years language school and part time job living, finally he decided to go back. Actually he is so discouraged about going back to face his parents. He is the only child in the family and the only hope. Even me I don't have this courage to face my parents. I guess the best thing I could say is good luck.

His phone call brought back a lot of memories. Two years ago before I began my college in DIT, I was thinking to go back to have another start of my life. I had the same feeling just like him. I remembered that time when I told my father I wanted to go back to China. After a while he said: since the time you asked me to give the opportunity to go to Dublin. I thought you were grown up and made your decision. I couldn't give you any advice and I have done my job.

In that time I knew I only had one chance. I was very lucky to get the interview offer from Transport Technology Department, DIT. And I made it.

**James (Shichun) Chen,**  
Shantalla Road.



## COMPETITION WINNERS

**Alan Doyle, Cooleen Avenue,**  
winner of our Scissor Sisters competition



Alan's prize was two tickets to see the Scissor Sisters in concert in Lansdown Road in August. He enjoyed the gig and had a fantastic time.

*The winning entry was drawn by  
Garda Mark O'Connell*

**Margaret Tobin, Coolgreena Road,**  
winner of our Elton John competition

Margaret's prize was two tickets to see the great man in concert in the RDS in July. It was a fabulous show and enjoyed by all.

*The winning entry was drawn by  
Fr. Dermot*



## THANKS

The family of the late Dave O'Connell, Cooleen Avenue, would like to thank most sincerely our many friends and neighbours who sympathised and supported us in our recent sad bereavement. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

*Lena O'Carroll*

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Tom Darby	128 Beaumont Road.
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Connie Butler	22 Coolatree Park.
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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE DELIGHTED TO ASSIST**

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# WHITEHALL COLMCILLE GAA CLUB

By Noel Ellis

With the Inter-County GAA Season reaching a thrilling and high quality climax its no harm to reflect on the fact that all of the big names like Stephen O'Neill, Stephen McDonnell, Jason Sherlock, Henry Shefflin and Setanta O'Hallpin cut their teeth, so to speak, with their local GAA club.

The club has always and continues to be the heartbeat of the GAA. Our local GAA club, Whitehall Colmcille, provides a sporting outlet for hundreds of our young people. It caters for Hurling, Camogie and Football and gives these young people coaching and playing opportunities from a very young age. In the Gaelic Football and Hurling teams represent the club from under nine to adult level.

The camogie section has been revitalised in recent years and is now a vibrant set-up with teams from under ten to under sixteen. There is also a ladies football team which has taken off over the last few years. Whitehall Colmcille welcomes anyone who is interested in playing Gaelic games, regardless of ability. The Nursery Section, which starts up at the beginning of September, provides coaching for boys and girls from four to eight years. The emphasis here is very much on enjoyment and anyone passing



through Ellenfield on a Saturday morning from September to June will testify to this.

During the months of July and August, the club organises two summer camps – one for Gaelic football and one for Hurling/Camogie. These camps have been very successful over the years, providing two weeks of coaching and fun during the summer holidays. Whitehall recently appointed a Games Promotions Officer (GPO) to oversee coaching structures within the club. Cillian O'Driscoll has taken up this appointment and as well as working within the club, he will be offering his services to local schools to help in the promotion and development of Gaelic Games.

At adult level the club fields three football teams and two hurling teams as well as the ladies team. Adult games are played in Cloghran (on the old Airport Road) while most juvenile activity takes place in Ellenfield.

During the winter great use is made of the state of the art all-weather facility in Cloghran by all teams. Younger juvenile teams also use the hall on Collins Avenue when pitches are unplayable. For further information you can access the clubs website: [www.whitehallcolmcille.ie](http://www.whitehallcolmcille.ie)

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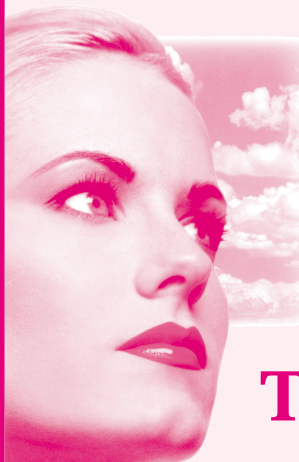
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# Summer Essay Competition Winners



## A SCHOOL TOUR TO REMEMBER

By Grace Cotter

First I was on my way to school. When I got there I could see some big buses. I rushed into the class. Everybody wasn't there yet. I was a little bit early but I didn't mind. We got on the bus at 10 past 9. It took an hour to get there. We went upstairs to put our bags there. Then we went outside to do an obstacle course. It was really hard because we were against the boys but we managed to beat them after all. But then they beat us the second time and we didn't like it. Then we went up and had some food cause I was exhausted. After that we played hockey. Our team won. Next we got our bags and went swimming. It took us a long time to get dressed. But then we were ready. The water was very cold but when you got in it was fine. When you got out of the pool it was cold. We had to run in and get our stuff. We were not able to dry our hair, my hair was dripping wet. After that we played human foosball. I was in the blue team and we won. After we went on the bikes and had a race. The last thing we did was the bouncing castle obstacle course. It was a race. I finished first. Then we went home and we had a great time. The End.



## SUMMER OUTING TO GORMANSTOWN

By Sarah-Jane Maguire

On Friday we went to Gormanstown. I was very excited. We were very lucky to go on the double-decker and sit at the top. Our first activity was Unihoc. It was brilliant. Then we did the Class Challenge. We went in a Caterpillar and walked in it up to the ropes. There were a lot of knots in the ropes. We untangled the knots then we went through the ladders and picked up the pail of water and dropped the pail into the bucket and picked up a jigsaw piece and give it to your friends. Then we had a break. After our break we played Human Football. It was really fun. Then we went swimming. That was the best. Teacher said she had a prize for the first three girls ready. We had another break but it was a long one. We went on the bouncy castle after. We went through a blanket and through all sorts of things. Then we went down the slide the last thing we did was go on go-karts. They were the second best. Then we went home and we were tired. The End.



## SUMMER OUTING TO GORMANSTOWN

By Sorcha Ryder

I couldn't sleep the night before, it was so exciting. When I got to school we went on a double-decker bus and we were lucky as we sat on the top. It was very far away. When we finally got there we did Unihoc. We did exercises first then a match. Next we did a class challenge. The first four people had to walk planks and tip the Caterpillar. The Caterpillar was a sort of green material that you go under and walk with five other people to the people who did up the knots. You untangle knots and go through ladders, bring a pail of water over to the jigsaws and whoever makes it first wins. Next we had a break. Then we played Human Football. It was like table football only the little people were us! We did swimming next and it was great! They were throwing in balls and hoops. After swimming we did the Go-Karts. It was great! Then we went home. My partner was Katie all the way. The End.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMPETITION WINNERS

1st Place: Grace Cotter - Room 16 • 2nd Place: Sarah-Jane Maguire - Room 21  
3rd Place: Sorcha Ryder - Room 21

## EVENING COURSE

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## THE HIDDEN TREASURE

By Fr. O'Gara

I was fascinated recently while on holidays in Lismore, Co Waterford, to find a life sized sculptured image of a sixth century Irish monk named Carthage, standing on top of its ten foot beech plinth, in the newly designed Millennium Park. There is a interesting story to its presence. A very tall and old beech tree developed disease and while the top had to be cut down, the lower section, most of the trunk, was perfect. Someone got the bright idea of using it for some good purpose. So an artist was engaged and she went to work to fashion the piece with, I'm reliably told, two chain saws.



I read up on the life of the monk and discovered the following. He arrived in Lismore, with some 500 others in approx 633 a.d. A Kerryman, he had spent some time in Rahan, Co Westmeath and finally arrived with all his brother monks into Lismore, having been given some land there. He established a monastery which after his death became a university, attracting students from all over the Continent. During the Norse invasions, the buildings were destroyed and the monks slain. Yet Carthage's legacy of faith lives on the area.

I was so impressed with the finished sculpture depicting Carthage standing with the Bible in his hands preaching to his listeners. I used that image to present the homily for Mass on the following Sunday, which was based on the parable of the lost treasure in St Matthew (chapter 14; 42 fl.) If you remember the man in the parable had discovered the hidden treasure in a field and knew it to be priceless. He went off and sold all he had to buy the field. The finder knew that the hidden treasure was worth everything he owned. So he willingly sold all to buy the precious find. In my few words that Sunday, I hoped to convey to the people at mass, that Carthage had boldly proclaimed the faith all those centuries ago which was a true treasure for us. It was for each of us to pass it on to the next generation.

Reflecting on the image of the preaching monk another idea began to form in my mind. I asked myself just how the artist gets the ideas for his work. All he or she has to work with is a lump of wood or stone and yet somehow they have a vision of what it can turn out to be. In fact the artist is like that man searching for the hidden treasure. You could say that he sees the image already finished before he starts his work. The real gift is to be able to translate his ideas onto the material he is working with. The result in the sculpture of Carthage is that there is a sign of life and vitality in the finished work. You could describe the process as giving birth to an idea which captures the life of the subject.

I believe then when an artist is at work we are reminded of God's work in our lives. Like the artist God uses each of the events and happenings in life to correct and shape us. This idea is a wonderful help to me when I try to figure out the meaning of the different happenings in my own life. There is one scene in the prophet Jeremiah's life (Cpt18; 4) where he describes a visit to a pottery. When the potter is not happy with the outcome of his work, he mixes the clay back into a lump and starts all over again. Sometimes we experience this remaking also in our own lives i.e. as if someone has taken hold of us and has turned us in another direction or simply squashed what is false within. Every happening in life has a relevance Each event is part of our being reshaped and made new and whole again. There is a finished design deep down there yet to be exposed and so it goes on. Just then as the artist in Lismore chipped and sliced at the wood with her saw, so also life's friction brings about change in each of us and one day will have achieved its purpose. To try and understand this will lead to greater patience with life and with the Supreme Artist who is at work all the time.

Some time ago I was trying to figure out some happenings in my own personal life. They were simple enough events but they made me question so many things I had taken for granted. You might say my faith was being challenged. I kept asking why should that be. By good fortune I attended a retreat which made me much more aware of the ongoing manner in which the Lord works. He places each of us in a changing world and in different situations then he stands back to see how we are going to handle the change. I am now convinced that it is by our response to every such moment that brings out from the depth of our being the real person that lives there awaiting discovery. The treasure within each of us.

Like the artist who works from inspiration and imagination, the Lord is fully intent on a work of great beauty, for that is the way He pictures each of us. There is a children's story about a witch who caught and imprisoned a little girl and became quite jealous of her beauty. So the witch kept telling the little one that she was ugly. She repeated it so often the little girl eventually believed it and hid away from everyone. One day a young man gazed through the window where the young girl was held captive and was stunned by her beauty. When she turned from where she was combing her hair and saw the wonder in his eyes she realised the terrible lie the witch had told. She realised she was indeed beautiful.

Love destroys hate and shows forth beauty. With the Lord it's the same. He comes to destroy what is evil and show us how beautiful we are. He is the one who loves us completely and wants only the best for us. Like the supreme artist that he is, he spares no effort to unearth the real beauty of our inner selves. Try always to remember in times of pain and doubt that the Lord is at work. Did you ever realise that the Lord gave everything away just to show how really mad about you he was and still is? Think of his long search for your love and his patient awaiting your response?

Psalm 27; 14.

Don't be impatient  
Wait for the Lord.  
He will come and save you.  
Be brave and take courage  
Yes, wait and He will help you.

(Kevin Lyon; Psalm-Prayers for every Mood.  
Columba Press.)

*Congratulations  
to all the girls  
and boys who  
celebrated their  
'Debs' recently*

Right: Debutante Laura Ennis,  
Beaumont Crescent and escort  
Peter Keating

Below: Debutante Sean Early,  
Coolleen Avenue and his girlfriend  
Sarah



# Garda Patrol

## ROAD SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS & SCHOOL CHILDREN

*By Garda Mark O Connell, Santry Garda Station.*

**A**t the start of September the school year once again resumes and overnight our roads change immensely with massive increases in vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. With this change, it brings increased dangers to persons on our roads and footpaths and especially to school children who tend to be using the roads the most hectic times of the day.

These dangers to children can be decreased with proper education in road safety from their parents, teachers, and members of An Garda Síochána.

Towards the end of the last school year I spoke to a number of classes in the Beaumont area with regard to road safety in coming and going to school and I found that the children's knowledge was extremely good, but this knowledge has to be put into practice everyday by parents so as children understand its importance fully.

### Travelling to School by Bus

The following rules should be observed by children entering or exiting buses:

- Wait for the bus in an area where traffic is not dangerous, and in the case of public transport, at designated bus stops.
- Stay well away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and enter without pushing other students.
- When exiting a bus, stand clear of the bus and allow the driver to drive away fully before attempting to cross the road.



### Walking to School

These rules should be adhered to by Parents and Children while walking to school:

- Observe all traffic signals from traffic wardens, Gardaí and traffic lights.
- On winter mornings and evenings some reflective materials and/or bright clothing should be worn to help your visibility to other road users.
- Choose safe places to cross the road and explain to your child why it is a safe place.
- Ensure your child stops at the edge of the footpath and uses the safe cross code.

### Cycling to School

Allowing your child to cycle to school should be a well thought out decision. Before allowing him/her to cycle you should make sure that their bicycle is safe to use and that brakes, lights and reflectors are in good working order.

- Impress on your child that traffic lights and school wardens apply to cyclist too and red lights mean stop!
- Cycle lanes are provided for cyclist to use. Understandably, parents are concerned as to the safety of some cycle lanes but they should impress on their child that footpaths are for the main use of pedestrians and not cyclists so courtesy should be shown.
- Head injury is the cause of approximately 70% of cyclist fatalities and the wearing of a cycling helmet can greatly reduce this statistic. Always make your child wear their helmet.
- Again, on dark mornings and evenings bright and reflective clothing must be worn.

### Travelling to school by car

Safety belts are essential. You are breaking the law by not wearing one or allowing your children to travel without wearing them. One person not wearing their belt can cause serious injury and even death to other occupants of the car. Always wear your seatbelt!!

FURTHER INFORMATION ON ROAD SAFETY CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

[www.nsc.ie](http://www.nsc.ie)  
[www.vhi.ie](http://www.vhi.ie)  
[www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

Traffic problems will always occur in the vicinity of schools due to the amount of traffic in these areas, but parents must remember that these are residential areas and good manners should always prevail when dealing with local residents.

Cars should be parked legally and should not obstruct any person access to their property or obstruct other cars. It is worth noting that a car parked on a footpath, grass verge or obstructing an exit or other traffic are causing an offence and can be dealt with accordingly, under the law.

***If you have any questions or queries regarding any Garda matter, Garda O Connell can be contacted at Santry Garda Station on 01 666 4000.***

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