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A great night was had by all at the recent Senior Citizens Xmas Party held on Nov. 30th in the Artaine/Beaumont Recreation Centre

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## THE HOLY NIGHT

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*The Beaumont Residents' Association would like to wish all the People of Beaumont A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*



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## A DREAM BUDGET?

AT A TIME when it's easy to be cynical or even outraged at politicians in power, it's high time Mr. Charlie McCreevy stood up and took a bow. Over the last number of years he has made a name for himself with increases in Social Welfare Benefits and Pensions, not to mention Tax Benefits.

When things get rough and the money gets scarce there's an almighty "Hulla Baloo" about cuts or adjustments as some people would call them. The loss of the three thousand Euro for first time house buyers is no more than a temporary 'blip' and will be forgotten about after the Budget.

With regard to adjustments in the medical section, sure he had to say that whether he meant it or not, I'm sure that Charlie will again make generous increases to Old Age Pensioners and to all the Social Welfare recipients. What grounds have I for saying this I hear you say? Here's my theory: All the bad news has been leaked out just for shock therapy, but when the Budget comes it will be amazing what will happen. How do I know? I heard Charlie himself say so in an interview with George Lee, the economic expert with R.T.E. When George asked him after the last Budget how he intended to balance the books without borrowing, Charlie in his usual cavalier fashion stated "I pulled off a miracle before and I will do so again."

So you can see we have his word for it. It is now being rumoured that fiscal glances are being cast towards groups who pay little or no tax at all. The horse breeding industry has been mentioned along with artists, a lot of whom make vast sums of money and pay no tax. While I accept that Charlie is one of the horse racing fraternity and has eliminated betting tax at race meetings, the rumour mill says that all these tax free areas will be seriously looked at. There is a vast amount of money being earned in these areas so don't be surprised if the miracle starts there.

These groups have had the best of both worlds, given them by a previous minister (another Charlie). The revenue gained from these groups will help quell the cries from children in rat infested schools, from couples who have suffered heartbreak at losing their first home due to the grant withdrawal and sick people waiting for a hospital bed. I am sure they will say collectively "have a go at them Charlie", "sow it into them." They have been getting away with it for years. This article is being written eight days before the Budget, but I don't think Charlie will let us down. With the amount of money to be obtained from the areas mentioned, you would want to be a right Louser to turn a deaf ear to the children looking for a decent school or someone trying to buy their first home, or turn a blind eye to someone in need of urgent hospital treatment.

Charlie isn't a scrooge, if he pulls off this miracle. Time will tell. Is that the alarm clock I heard going off?

Tom Darby

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Chairman — With reference to the last issue of Beaumont News I feel it is a mistake to allow Mr. Darby to use the paper to air his own political views — such as his article "A Nice Merry Go Round". He is of course entitled to his own opinions. But to me it is no coincidence that the Newsletters were delivered on the eve of the Referendum. For this reason I want to withdraw my membership and stop delivery of the magazine to me.

I did not realise the Residents' Association had its own political agenda. As I am not and never have been a member of any political party. — ANONYMOUS (Name and Address with Editor).

*Editors Note — The timing of the last Newsletter was to do with the advertisement on the front page for a Sale of Work, not the Nice Referendum. Also the writer is correct in saying that Tom is entitled to his own opinion, no articles were received by me supporting the Nice Referendum that is why none appeared. In fact everything that has ever been submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter has been used.*

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## Father Joe's Column



Hello Everyone. By now we are all busy getting ready for Christmas. The Ads for Christmas seem to begin earlier and earlier each year. With all the rush to get things done, cards sent, presents bought and parties attended, it is very easy to lose sight of the meaning of the Feast and significance of what we are celebrating. So why not make a resolution to give yourself the present of a little time and space to reflect on the simple beauty of the Christmas message? There are many different ways you could do this - an afternoon walk away from all the rush, a Carol Service, a visit to Hampton Hermitage on the Grace Park Road, getting involved in the work of some Charity, there are endless possibilities. Why not think about it and not let the opportunity slip?

Here in the Parish, we are putting the final touches to our preparations for celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Church. A parish retreat takes place from the 2nd to the 6th of December. There will be a guest speaker at the 7.30 pm Mass on each of these days. After the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre. Saturday, 7th December is the turn of all those involved in ministry in the Parish, who will have a special Day of Reflection. To mark the Silver Jubilee, Cardinal Connell will celebrate the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 15th December and then on Wednesday, the 18th of December which is the actual Anniversary of the Church we will have a

special celebration at 7.30 pm followed by a reception. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of these events.

The pre-fabs are now ready and the classes from the Junior and Senior Schools have taken up residence. They really look well and have a lot of space. On Sunday, the 1st of December, the children preparing for First Communion were enrolled at all the Masses. We wish them and their parents every blessing. Please keep them in your prayers during the coming year, which is so important for them.

We were all very saddened to hear of the death of Aine Boyle, Principal of St. Fiachra's Junior School, may she rest in peace. Aine had been ill for some time, an illness she bore with great dignity and courage. She will be greatly missed here in Beaumont. We remember her family very especially at this sad time.

Because of all our celebrations for our Jubilee, our Penitential Service is earlier than usual this year. It is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, the 11th of December. As usual we will have a number of visiting priests to help with the confessions and all are welcome. Details of all our services over Christmas are being delivered to every house in the Parish and will also be available at the back of the Church.

All that remains is for me to wish you and yours a Very Happy and Holy Christmas. God Bless. Fr. Joe

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## Clontarf Community Garda Kate Conlon writes

SO ANOTHER year is drawing to an end. It only seems a couple of months ago that we were last celebrating the New Year. Another birthday, Easter, the summer holiday that you will never forget and of course more recently Hallowe'en, all have come and gone.



However, one of the biggest most celebrated occasions is but a few weeks away. It's a time when you can't turn a corner without meeting a big round white bearded man wearing all red and of course a big happy smile. Everyone seems more charitable and good spirited. It's a time to be shared with loved ones without doubt. It's Christmas !!

With Christmas comes the present buying, the 12 hours shopping sprees and the blistered feet. Naturally there is an increase in the amount of money we have on our person. This can bring its dangers and make us feel more vulnerable within ourselves.

Personal Awareness and Security are vital at a time like this. Help to keep yourself safe by taking a few simple measures so that you can have the Christmas you are wishing for.

1. Avoid carrying cash in excess of what you need for that particular shopping trip.
2. If large amounts of cash are required, place it in a safe place that is not easily accessed.
3. Carry cash on your person as opposed to in a bag that

could be easily lost or stolen

4. Be aware of your surroundings and the activities of those around you

5. Bring a friend (the second opinion could come in handy)

6. Stick to the main thoroughfares and avoid unfamiliar, badly lit areas

7. If you are approached by someone demanding your money **GIVE IT TO THEM.** Remember, your safety is of paramount importance. Get a good description of your assailant and report the crime to the nearest Garda.

### A Point on Home Safety over the Christmas.

If your home is going to be vacant either due to shopping outings or otherwise, do not indicate this fact to anyone. Remember, purchased gifts have to be stored at home, making your home a more attractive place for prospective burglars.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and all at Clontarf Garda Station.

Clontarf Gardaí 666 4800

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### Tunnel height limit puts brake on trucks

TOWERING 'super trucks' which will not fit into the Dublin Port Tunnel are to be cut down to size. Transport Minister Seamus Brennan is considering the introduction of new maximum heights for trucks for safety and environmental reasons. The move to curb the height of trucks will put him on a collision course with hauliers who have purchased tall trucks which can move more goods in fewer journeys. Height restrictions on trucks were only abolished here a few years ago. The rethink is expected to lead to a height restriction of less than 4.65 metres - the height of the tunnel.

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## MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS!

I recall as a child listening to my parents telling stories of life in the 30's and 40's about hardship and the dilemma of having a halfpenny to spend on the fare to school; deciding whether to use it on the way to school and walk home or to do the reverse? Very few people drove cars in those days.

We're in the 21st. Century now and I'm beginning to think that I may be regaling similar tales to my future grandchildren. Not of hardship but certainly about having to walk everywhere due to traffic in Beaumont being gridlocked day after day.

The story may go something like this: I remember the days before the turn of the 21st. Century when we had cars we could drive to work, shopping, cinema etc. in? When Dromawling Road was a mere side road you could drive your car onto it to go on your journey.

You could even cross the road on foot to go to the shops, schools etc. But then at the turn of the Century Dromawling Road became a main road with traffic backed up as far as Elm Mount Avenue most mornings. I could no longer get out of Dromlee Crescent and so found myself a prisoner in my own car!

To add to the chaos the Traffic Dept. installed calming measures in the form of ramps. These made Dromawling Road more dangerous as the cars began speeding up and over the ramps. Pedestrians took their lives in their hands trying to get across the road!

Ah! Memories!- I wonder will my future grandchildren ever know the pleasure of going anywhere in a car, never mind contemplating going for a nice Sunday drive. I guess not: not around Beaumont anyway!

JACKIE BARRON

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**THIS IS** a very busy time for burglars. Don't make things easy for him. Always make sure that:

1. Your windows and doors are fitted with good locks.
2. Leave your lights on or use timers.
3. Let a neighbour know when you are away for a day — visiting or shopping.
4. Cancel papers or milk if you are away for Christmas.

Leave a key with a neighbour — who may take in your post etc. Always phone the Gardai if in doubt about people calling to your door looking for money up front to do small jobs for you.

**Install a Smoke Alarm** — These are very effective in alerting a person in the event of a fire—Don't leave chip pans unattended. Don't leave the Christmas tree lights on when your house is unoccupied. Do not overload electrical sockets. Keep string of Christmas Cards well away from candles or open fires. Enjoy your Christmas.

It was stated that the existing "Neighbourhood Watch" in Dromawling is now dormant and a new committee is needed. Jackie Barron, Franks O'Driscoll and Peter Boylan agreed to their nomination to the "New Neighbourhood Watch Committee for the Dromawling Area."

## VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim Support is a voluntary organisation, it is active in this area, which is included in the four areas we cover. So if you have been a victim of a robbery or a house break-in etc. we can be of assistance to you. Please Phone 842 6481.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mary (Kate) Connolly, Cooleen Avenue on her 66th Birthday on November 30th. Mary will be leaving Beaumont soon and moving back to Galway. We wish her all the best. We will all miss her.

BEAUMONT in the Old Days — Has anyone any old photos of Beaumont (memories) they would like to share with me. I will call after Christmas to collect any information (verbally or written).

Any photos of the old bridge, Beaumont Road or the Mercy Convent from the 1920's onwards. Many thanks. Noreen Maher 837 4590.

AINE BOYLE, St. Fiachra's Junior School—It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Mrs. Boyle. Those of us who have or had children in St. Fiachra's know that her passing is a huge loss not only to her family but to the community of Beaumont. She will always be remembered with respect and admiration by the parents and children of St. Fiachra's. Our deepest condolences go to her family at this very sad time. R.I.P.

THE Beaumont Residents' Association would like to offer its sincere sympathy to the following families.

To the family of Paddy O'Rourke of Coolgreena Road, who died in October. Paddy was a gentleman and a great gardener. He will be missed by all his neighbours. May he Rest in Peace.

Also to the family of Malachy O'Curry of Beaumont Road. May he Rest in Peace.

TO the family of dear Molly Conway of Beaumont Road who died October 24, 2002. Molly was a lovely, motherly lady. She will be missed by her friends and neighbours. May she Rest in Peace.

ALSO deepest sympathy to Paul, Ashling and Kevin Fitzsimons on the sudden death of Catherine. Catherine was a loving wife and

### 75% fail to pay waste charges

A DUBLIN county council has admitted that 75% of households have failed to pay refuse charges, leading to calls from a pressure group to abolish the charge.

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## SERIOUS ASSAULTS UP 400% - STATEMENT BY RICHARD BRUTON T.D.

THE number of headline assaults in Dublin causing serious injury is now five times higher than it was just three years ago! The figures for 2001 just released by the Minister continues the alarming increase of 2000. Assaults are up by more than 100% in twelve months. The number of such assaults now stands at 22 per week in Dublin alone.

The viciousness of attacks is an extremely worrying trend. Three years ago, only one in every twelve assaults was categorised as serious. Now more than one in every four assaults falls into the serious category. Last year over 6,000 people ended up in the Casualty Departments of the Dublin hospitals, victims of assaults. Clearly, many assaults are still going unreported.

The slogan "zero tolerance" rings very hollow. Detection rates are falling, down from 85% to just 64% in 2 years. Some of the attackers are underage and the courts have nowhere to put them. They can thumb their nose at the Gardai. Ministers have legislation to require parents to play their part. However, lack of resources means little of this sort of work is happening on the ground. Now we learn that the Garda budgets are to be cut back severely and probation services are to be curtailed.

It is impossible to ignore the central role which alcohol is playing in the huge upsurge of vicious assaults. There is no coherence in the government's policy towards alcohol. The Government talks about the need for restraint, but then extends opening hours and forces young people into pubs to see Ireland's soccer squad play.

Ministers talk about the need for recreation that does not rely on alcohol, but the Taoiseach scrambles for photo-opportunities, pint in hand, as the "man of the people". The government is adding its authority to the images created by alcohol advertisers which suggest that alcohol is at the heart of sexual success and enjoyment. It

is not acceptable for Ministers to wring their hands sorrowfully when tragedies occur but then go on about their business failing to make changes that will make a difference.

### €20M Bridge To Have 3T Limit?

Recently, the Traffic Department made an extraordinary decision that the East Wall Bridge would be subjected to a 3-ton limit after it is reopened. The only reason why the reconstruction of this Bridge was so expensive was that it involved the raising of the height of the parapet to 5.3 metre clearance in order to allow heavy vehicles to pass underneath. The cost came to over €20-million. Having spent that money on this important project, it defies belief that the Director of Traffic would decide that the Bridge will not now be used for the purpose for which it was designed. It is total lunacy. Not only will the taxpayer pay but so will residents. The closure of this bridge is also creating huge problems of traffic congestion on Malahide Road, Collins Avenue and Griffith Avenue. At least 1000 extra Heavy Goods Vehicles are forced to take this route. Previously, this traffic load was divided with Clonliffe Road and Drumecondra Road taking some of the strain. I have challenged this decision at our Area Committee and am awaiting a reply from the Director of Traffic.

**TIGER DIDN'T BOOST QUALITY OF LIFE FOR 77%**  
A NATIONWIDE study on the workplace has found 77% of respondents feel the Celtic Tiger economic boom period has not improved their quality of life. More than half of the respondents reported that they do not have a satisfactory balance between the demands of work and the time they devote to their personal lives.

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| 4. Dark occult                | 21. Lorry driver's snack   |
| 5. Mother's local             | 22. 100% Au                |
| 6. Clever folk                | 23. Istanbul harem         |
| 7. Various black items        | 24. Up out there           |
| 8. Sport for Princes          | 25. Even more up out there |
| 9. Frankie Vaughan wanted it  | 26. Big cat's pub          |
| 10. Good children get these   | 27. Noisy insect           |
| 11. Feline equipment          | 28. One who wanders        |
| 12. Garden flowers            | 29. Musical bard           |
| 13. Assorted girls            | 30. It's a party           |
| 14. Dairy holder              | 31. Outside meal           |
| 15. Arrange marriage partners | 32. Easily blown           |
| 16. Edible fasteners          | 33. Locals from Malta      |
| 17. Wobbly infants            | 34. Reward                 |
|                               | 35. Ten cent pub           |
|                               | 36. Toothless drink        |
|                               | 37. Pub pins               |

Example: 1. Sly giggles—Snickers

TO ENTER THIS QUIZ 30 CORRECT ANSWERS AT LEAST ARE REQUIRED

### ANSWERS PLEASE TO ONE OF OUR POST BOXES:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER — Eileen Connors, 2 Coolraa Drive, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

SOLUTION TO DUBLIN LOCATIONS QUESTION— To publish the answers would ruin the Quiz for others, they may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to one of our postboxes.

MURPHY JEWELLERS FREE DRAW—Winner in our last edition was Ethel Delaney, 47 Coolatree Park, Beaumont, Dublin 9

ANGRY SOLUTION—Trick Question—3 words in "The English Language". 3rd word is Language.

## DEALING WITH BLOCKED DRAINS

There are several symptoms of this distressing and often difficult problem. Several fittings may refuse to drain or one fitting may fill up when another is emptied. There may be an unpleasant smell or a gully may overflow.

Put on old clothes and an overall before working on faulty drains. Wear gloves. Call a plumber if the problem is not a simple one. When the trouble is a blocked gully, remove any rubbish which may be covering the grid before removing this protective cover. Use a stick to break up compacted debris - flush with a hosepipe when water starts to run away freely. If the blockage is in the soil pipe its best to call in a specialist company (these are usually paid for by the houses between each manhole affected.) Toilets should only be used for the purposes for which they were designed and nothing other than "toilet" should be put in them. (No cotton wool or other items). Kitchen sinks should never have fats or oils poured into them as this blocks up the system. Store fats in an earthenware dish and when they solidify put onto the compost heap or your bin. Specialist companies do not come cheap so use your common sense when putting anything into our sewerage system.

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FIND THE WORDS — Angels, Birth, Christmas, December, Elves, Frosty, Gifts, Grinch, Holly, Lights.  
 LAST EDITION WINNER—Breda Murray, 56 Cooleen Avenue, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

## IF THERE WERE 100 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD . . .

If there were one hundred people in the world, there would be 57 Asian, 21 Europeans, 14 from North and South America and 8 from Africa. 50 would be female, 48 would be male, 70 would be non-white and 30 white. 51% of the entire world's wealth would belong to only 6 people and all six of them would be citizens of the USA. 80 would live in sub-standard housing, 70 would be unable to read and 50 would suffer from malnutrition.

Only one would have a college education and 99 of them would not see this message because it was gleaned from the Internet and only one would have a computer.

It must be glaringly obvious that we live in changing times and that there is a need for both acceptance and understanding of many cultures.

**Santry Community  
Garda Barry  
McCann writes**



AS WE are all well aware at this stage, Christmas is only around the corner. It is a time of joy and happiness. But it is also a time for awareness and security of the home and personal property.

There are some very simple steps that one can take to improve ones physical security and sense of well-being during these dark winter nights.

(1) **Be careful with Cash** - Remember that thieves want property, and particularly cash. Therefore, only have as much money in your possession as you require for your immediate needs.

There are lots of ways of paying bills without using cash. Advice on money matters is freely available from Banks, Building Societies, Credit Unions, Post Offices, etc. Thieves often grab handbags thinking they contain valuables. Leave valuables at home! When out shopping, carry sufficient money and any keys in an inside pocket.

(2) **Mind your Property** - The Gardai can advise you on how to mark property with your own property number. This makes it less attractive to thieves, and also easier for us to return to the rightful owner when it is recovered.

(3) **The Elderly** - The fact is that older persons are less often victims of crime than many of their younger neighbours. Cases of assault are very infrequent, although we would all be much happier if they never happened at all. Older persons are, however, subjected to burglary and thefts as often as the rest of the population. If your neighbour is elderly, then be a good neighbour. We recognise that one of the best means of crime prevention is a good neighbour. This is someone who will keep an eye on your house when you are away, and who will take care to make sure everything is well.

(4) **Your Home** - There is no need to turn your home into a fortress. However, it is important to have good locks fitted to your windows and all external doors. Lock them every time you leave the house. If you make an effort to do this regularly, it should develop into a habit, that way it will be less likely that you will forget.

Advice is available from your Community Garda or your Garda Crime Prevention Officer at Santry Garda Station. Enjoy the festive period and have a safe one. On behalf of all the Gardai at Santry, I would like to wish everyone in the Beaumont area a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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# WINTER THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES

THE months of winter are November, December and January. In November there is a change in the weather, less sunshine and icy mornings. Sometimes we have falls of snow which brings a smile to my face. I love it because it is magical. The hedgehog, the bear and the squirrel go into hibernation. The squirrel doesn't sleep the whole winter because it cannot store enough fat so he gets up on mild mornings. The farm animals have to be brought indoors because it is cold. Some farmers plough fields early in winter. Many farmers are busy preparing farm machinery for the following year.

December which is one of my favourite months, everybody is busy preparing for Christmas Day. The mistletoe and the holly is associated with Christmas. The children are all excited because Santa is coming. Some classes have nativity plays. The town is lit with colourful lights and carol singers go from door to door collecting money.

January is the last month of winter and the first month of the New year. Days are getting longer, slowly. Bulbs begin to appear from the ground. Snowdrops my dad's favourite plant are often in bloom. Everybody is glad winter is nearly over.

**1st Prize goes to Leanne Beatty — 2nd Class — Room 20 for her story on Winter.**

SANTA has elves to help him make the toys. After they are made they put them on the shelves. One day a very selfish elf took all the toys and threw all the toys away. Now Santa had thought about this elf and fired him. But Mrs. Clause being a very kind woman thought to herself "What is this poor elf going to do?" She begged with her husband to let him stay but he said no and sent the elf out again. At this stage Mrs. Clause was very angry. Before Santa could calm her down the elf had told Mrs. Clause where he was going. On his way to town he thought to himself "What will I do? I have no house and no food, no blankets, so where will I go." Meanwhile back the North Pole Mrs. Claus was getting angrier and angrier with Santa that she said "Sit in that corner



by yourself and think about what you have done." "Ok, Ok," said Santa and he sat down. It took Santa a long time to hire back the little elf but eventually he did.

**2nd Prize goes to Sorcha Flanagan — 2nd Class — Room 21 for her story above.**

ONE winters morning, I woke up, looked out the window and smiled. It was snowing. I jumped up, put on my woolly jumper and my trousers. I ran downstairs, I grabbed my hat, scarf and gloves and I went to my friends. We made a snowman. We had a snow fight and made footprints all around the garden. When we came in Mum had a fire lighting. It was warm and cosy. Mum made hot chocolate and Christmas pudding. They were delicious. My friends and I made Christmas chocolates. When they were done, we sprinkled icing sugar on the top. We loved them. We read lots of magazines. We played Monopoly and Twister and a lot of other games. After we had a pillow fight. We ran around cleaning up. When we wanted to come back out to play the door was stuck. So we stayed in and sat around the fire.

**3rd Prize goes to Jessica Whittle — 2nd Class — Room 21 for her story above.**

THE days get shorter in Winter. There are rain, floods, cold and snow. I like snow. I don't like floods and rain. I like Christmas because we get presents. The leaves have fallen off the trees. Now the trees are bare. The clocks go back an hour. So we can stay in bed and hour later. The flowers die. We wear warm clothes like scarves, gloves, hats, coats, jumpers and shoes. The squirrel gathers and stores nuts in the Autumn. When the cold winter comes she sleeps in her cosy nest in a tree. Her nest is called a drey. On sunny winter days she wakes up and eats some of her hidden food. Then she goes back to sleep again. Then she wakes up again and it is Spring and she stays awake.

**4th Prize goes to April Jones — 2nd Class — Room 16 for her story above.**

*Congratulations and best wishes to you all, your book tokens are on the way. Many thanks to the teachers for all their co-operation particularly Miss Patricia Murphy for organising this competition.*



Recent winners of the Hallowe'en Stories—1st Prize Niamh Bruton, 6th class, and 3rd Prize Ian Lawlor 5th class. Matthew Callaghan, 4th class was not present for the photo.

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