

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Our Memories 2005-2013

by Sixth Class 2013



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My Memories of St. Finian's 2004-2013 By Aaron Connolly

My name is Aaron. I started school in 2004. There were 12 people in my class. They were Adam, Jack, Darren, Laurance, Dearbhla, Leah, Sarah, Róisín, Megan, Anna and me. In Juniors Mrs Markey was my teacher, she was a nice teacher. I was in Juniors the next year also and I remember my first day with my new friends. Cian was afraid to come into the classroom and he was crying. He came in then and we became good friends. I can remember when my mam came into school with my dog and showed all the children my dog. He was called Jodie.



In First Class I moved into Mrs Quinn's room, I thought that the clown on the roof was a little weird. I started Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing and Wordshark on the computer.

In second class, just before my First Communion I had to go to the hospital because I put a pitch-fork through my foot. I met Mrs Quinn in the hospital, she was there with her son.

I enjoyed my First Communion and First Confession. I read a prayer of the faithful. When we went home I had a bouncing castle and Gladiator Podiums. In fourth class we did Science Quest with Mrs Quinn, I really enjoyed this because we did lots of experiments. We made a mentos bomb!

Mr Shevlin was our teacher for Fifth and Sixth Class. Fifth and Sixth Class was fun because we had lots of PE and Drama. We had to do the Pierce Callaghan Project. I did my Fifth Class project about "My Granda's Boat" .

My time in St. Finian's was good because of the friends I made and all the fun times that I had.

Years of memories 2004-2013
by Anna Sarsfield 6th class

My memories of St Finian's School and what I remember. On my first day I was very small and very scared. When my mam arrived at the school I did not want to go in and I was crying. After a few hours I was OK and I had good fun. Mrs Markey was my teacher at that time. As time went by I started to meet friends. I was five years old when I started school and now I am thirteen years old. I will be leaving school in three weeks, during my time in St Finian's NS I made my First Holy Communion and my Confirmation. I made my Communion in the year 2009 and my Confirmation last year. My teachers in St Finian's NS were Mrs Markey, Mrs Quinn and Mr Shevlin. Mr Shevlin was my favourite teacher. Now that I will be leaving soon I think back I had a great time at St Finian's NS, and the friends I went to school with will be friends forever. I will be very sad leaving St Finian's NS this year.





The memories that I will never forget!

By Aoife Holmes

In my time in St. Finian's N.S I had three amazing teachers Mrs Markey, Mrs Quinn and Mr Shevlin. I also had ten of the most amazing friends.

For Junior and Senior Infants I had Mrs Markey. On my first day of school I walked in happy and cheery because I already knew Saoirse, Niamh and Emma. I don't remember much about Junior or Senior infants but I vividly remember two things. The first thing is continuously running up and down the courtyard at break time with, Saoirse, Niamh, Emma and Laura. The second thing is getting into trouble quite often for day dreaming, I just didn't like to sit either. I was also, Elizabeth for one of the Christmas nativity plays.



For the next four years I had Mrs Quinn, I thought that she was a great teacher and that she always knew how to help.

I had Mrs Quinn for my First Confession and for my First Communion. I remember making my hand print for my first communion poster with Mrs McMahon. I really liked Mrs McMahon, she was always very friendly and amazing when it came to decorations or art work for a special occasion. One of my favourite things in Mrs Quinn's class was the Junior Achievement with Anne. Anne was really friendly and she always knew when somebody needed help. The lesson that I remember the best is the lesson on "Want and Need" (I really enjoyed that one)

For my last two years of primary school I had Mr Shevlin. Mr Shevlin was great fun; he always did great P.E, fun Drama and he always had great games to pass the time and to help us with subjects like maths and English. For my Confirmation I had Mr Shevlin. I made my Confirmation in fifth class. On the day I was really nervous, because the crowd just seemed to get bigger and bigger. For our Christmas performance in sixth class, the whole school came together to do a Christmas Carol service.

Over all my memories of St. Finian's N.S are amazing. I definitely don't remember everything but I am sure that there will never be one moment where I will regret one moment of my time in St. Finian's N.S. I had great teachers and I had amazing friends. I really will miss St. Finian's N.S.



My School Memories By Cian Clinton

I remember my first day of school. I couldn't wait until I went to school but when I looked into Mrs. Markey's class room I saw Darren and my cousin Sarah. I don't know why but I didn't want to come in. It took me ages to go in. I finally went in and I loved it. I spent two years in Mrs. Markey's class then I went into Mrs. Quinn's class.

I made my Confession. I started crying in the middle of it. Then I made my First Holy Communion. We went back to the school and let balloons off and we ate some cake. Then I spent another two years in Mrs. Quinn's classroom.

Then when I went into 5th class Mr. Shevlin was teacher. My favourite subject in Mr. Shevlin's class was P.E. He did good P.E. We made our Confirmation with Mr. Shevlin. I went bowling with my cousins it was a good day. Mr. Shevlin was my teacher again in Sixth Class. Mr Shevlin was my favourite teacher.

Every Tuesday Mr McEneaney came in for tin whistle. He was a good principal. My best friend is Aaron and I'm going to miss him and St. Finian's a lot. I am going to secondary school in Scoil Uí Mhuirí in Dunleer.



My Wonderful School Memories!! BY: Emma Dunne

My name is Emma. In September 2005, I started primary school in St. Finian's N.S. When I started school there were eight pupils in my class. They were Laura, Niamh, Saoirse, Aoife, John, Cian, Colum and me. In Seniors Aaron Connolly, Megan Smith and Anna Sarsfield joined our class. Colum Osborne stayed back so we lost a good friend as well as getting new friends.

When I started school, Mrs. Markey taught me for two years, Juniors and Seniors. Juniors was an enjoyable class because the work was very easy. On the first morning I went in I saw Cian crying really loudly because he didn't want to go into the class. I was a little nervous after that but I got over it and went into the class.

I moved into Mrs. Quinn who taught me for four years. Mrs. Quinn is a wonderful teacher. She is very friendly and makes every subject enjoyable. In first class Laura left to the school to go to a different school. Then in fourth Maja Czerwinska moved to my school and became a good friend to me.



Then I moved onto my present teacher Mr. Shevlin. He taught me in fifth class and now in sixth as well. He is a lovely teacher.

Mr. Mc. Eneany is my principal. All I can say is thank God he is the principal of St. Finian's National School.

Through the years, I have made loads of friends. There are ten people in my class but out of them I have two best friends and they are Aaron Connolly and Niamh McGovern.

I have to move on now. I am going to secondary school in Dundalk. I am going to the C.B.S. Every time I think of leaving this school it brings a tear to my eye. I have to say my goodbyes to sixth class, the other pupils of the school and not forgetting the teachers.

Thank you all for being so nice to me. I will miss you all.



My Memories of St. Finian's By John Marley

Hello, John Marley here, 6th Class pupil at St. Finian's N.S. I am here to share all of the memories I have of my eight years at this wonderful school.

I started school at the age of four, on September 3rd 2005. I was the youngest of all my classmates. I'll be honest, I did miss Pugwash Bay, but that wore away soon. My teacher back then was Mrs. Markey, who resigned a few years ago, goodbye Miss!



As it was a long time ago, the memories of Mrs. Markey are few and far between, so I'll skip ahead. I waltzed into Mrs. Quinn's class all bright and peppy. I actually thought I couldn't go into her class. I heard a rumour that you had to be 7 to go into First Class, and I was only 6! Fortunately, it turned out to be false.

One sure thing about Mrs. Quinn was that she didn't show favourites, she treated all of the students the same. In my day, Mrs. Quinn taught 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class, so when I was nearing the end of 3rd; I thought I would be leaving Mrs. Quinn, but I was wrong. The next year, Mrs. Quinn started teaching 3rd and 4th Class. So I stayed with her for another year. After two years in Mr. Shevlin's class, this is where I am today.

I know my memories aren't exactly plentiful, but I spoke from the heart and told you what it's been like for me here.

Goodbye!



3 Best Years Of My Life!

By Maja Czerwinska

I came to St. Finian's National School in fourth class. I went to the school fete with my best friend from my other school. The first person I met was Emma, she was really nice! I was very nervous and worried about basically everything. Mrs. Quinn took me inside early to show me the classroom. She gave me a seat at the back of the class. Soon everyone else began to come in. Aoife was sat beside me. The first thing she said to me was, "Do you have any pets?" We soon became friends, and still are. Later, I met the rest of my class, Saoirse, Niamh, Emma, Anna, Megan, John, Cian and Aaron. Mrs. Quinn was a really nice teacher and she always had funny little sentences to say to us, like, "Less of the yap, more of the zap!" Mr. McEneaney was a really nice principal, the best I've had so far! (I've had four) I then went on to fifth class and got the new teacher in our school, Mr. Shevlin. He was a really fun teacher and would always make jokes and play games with us. One day, Aaron came in late and we all had to lie down on our desks.



When Aaron came in, Mr. Shevlin told him that he had killed us. It was really funny. All of the boys in our class used to annoy me back then, but the more I got to know them, the less they did. They still annoy me, but now, it's on a slightly smaller scale. We did our confirmation in fifth class, I chose the name Diana. We got split into animal named groups in fifth and sixth class and the group with the most points at the end of the week would win a prize, some of us got really competitive! Niamh and I sat beside each other for a good bit of fifth class and the beginning of sixth class, and I can honestly say we drove each other absolutely and completely insane. But she was a really funny person to sit beside and always had really fun ideas. Then we moved and I sat beside Cian Clinton and Aaron Connolly, it was.....interesting. Then Aaron was moved and my school days became a lot quieter. Cian and I have been sitting in the same table for a good year and a half now and now we're friends. I've been going on the bus for about a month, it's been good because now I'm not late to school all the time.

My time here in St. Finian's has been really awesome! I'm going to miss everyone in the school but I'm especially going to miss nine very special people who have given me the best years of my whole life. Those nine are my classmates, Aoife, Niamh, Saoirse, Emma, John, Anna, Megan, Cian and Aaron. I also want to thank our principal, teachers and all the other students. So bye, St. Finian's, and thanks!

My greatest memories of St. Finian's N.S

By Niamh Mc Govern



On my first day of school I was really excited, my dad told me all about Mrs. Markey, because she taught my dad and his three brothers. I walked through the junior infant door and went up to a girl to play with toys. "I was here before you!" said the girl. That girl turned out to be Megan Smith in my class! Another memory was the day I forgot my school jumper! I walked through the door and stood there, I shouted "I forgot my jumper!" then I bursted out in tears. I had to wear Mrs. Markey's jumper around all day! How embarrassing!!



One of my favourite memories is the day I got my First Holy Communion. I read the Responsorial Psalm. Then at the end of the mass, we were presented with a certificate. I remember we all went back to the school, there was a cake with all our names on it!

After the cake we went outside and let balloons go, blue for the boys and pink for the girls. It was a really nice day full of photos!

On March 9th 2012, I made my confirmation. St. Finian's N.S made their confirmation with St. Colmcille's (Tullydonnell). Bishop Clifford was supposed to confirm us but something came up so Cardinal Sean Brady confirmed us!

My sponsor was my godfather Martin McGovern. During the mass me, Saoirse and two other girls from Tullydonnell sang the verse's of "The Cloud's Veil". I had a cough at the time so it didn't turn out well, but I was still ok. After the mass there was a lot of photos, then we went back to the house for food! For my Confirmation I took the name Clare.

This year we made a CD, the choir sang "Call Me Maybe, Some Nights" and "Pompeii". My classroom sang "Ho Hey" and "Little Talks". We also created a Butterfly Garden in a field next to the priest's house. We planted flowers that will attract lots of butterflies and bees. I started to play the flute this year. It's hard at first but then you get the hang of it! I did the flute with David O'Neill and Patrick Osborne. My flute teacher was Roisin Mc Eneany. She was really nice.

I enjoyed doing all the Christmas plays, gardening with Gabrielle, going to the school fetes and all the sports' days.

Mrs. Markey taught me in Junior and Senior Infants. Mrs. Quinn taught me in 1st class, 2nd class, 3rd class and 4th class! She was only meant to teach me from 1st to 3rd but then the school changed things around and now she teaches 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Mr. Shevlin taught me in 5th and 6th. Ms. Harmon and Mrs. Lambe didn't teach any of my classes except choir. Mr. Mc Eneany taught me tin whistle, which is really easy and fun. There weren't always ten in my class. From Junior Infants to the start of first class there were ten, but then Laura Byrne left for Kilsaran school. So from first class to fourth class there was only nine of us, then Maja Czerwinska joined the school. That made ten of us again! Maja is now one of my friends, that I will miss seeing everyday at school.

When I leave St. Finian's N.S I will definitely remember all the sports' days and all the fetes, all the Christmas shows and tours! This school was really fun and I will miss it a lot! I hope my next school is as good as St. Finian's.



Memories Through the Years. By Saoirse Riley.

My first day in St. Finian's was an exciting day for me. I couldn't wait to see my old friends and to make some new ones.

One of the main things I remember from that day was that Cian wouldn't come into the classroom, and he had to go for a walk with his mam.

Then a couple of weeks later Emma stole my rubber, and she wouldn't give it back to me. I got it back eventually though.



I remember our First Confession, when Cian started crying, because he didn't want to go up. Then when I went up, I almost forgot what I was going to say to Fr. Daly. For my First Holy Communion, I remember me and Niamh doing our readings. Niamh did the Responsorial Psalm and I think I did the First Reading. Then we went back to the school, cut the cake and let off balloons.

Then in Fourth Class we were joined by Maja, who I have become very close with over the past few years.

For my Confirmation, myself and Niamh sang the song " The Clouds Veil" with two other girls from Tullydonnell. My Auntie Marie was my sponsor and I picked the name Adele.

That year we also won the girls' final in football, that was a great day.

It's hard to believe that I am leaving St. Finian's. It feels like only yesterday when I walked in through the doors for the first time, and now I will be walking out for the last time. I have made amazing friends, that I will cherish forever. Aoife, Megan, Niamh, Maja, Emma, Anna, Aaron, Cian and John, thank you for always being there for me. I know we fell out sometimes, but somehow we made it work. I couldn't have done it without you guys.

Last but not least, thank you to all the amazing teachers. You stuck with us and believed in us all the way. I know we didn't make it easy for you.

St. Finian's has given me the best start in life and I am so sad to leave. I will miss all of Mr. Shevlin's games.

I wish all the classes and future classes good luck!!!

Bye for Now!!! (Slán)

-Saoirse Riley.

(P.S. I will miss you!!!)



Memories of St. Finian's By Megan Smith

Most of my memories are of this year in St. Finian's.

I am in Sixth class and I will be leaving St. Finian's in a very short time. I will be going to St. Louis in Dundalk I will miss St. Finian's.

This year we recorded a CD for the School called "Now That's What WE Call Music" I picked that name and it was voted as the best name. The Choir sang three songs on the CD and our class sang two songs. I also played tin-whistle on the CD.

I also enjoyed when Gabrielle and the Clients from Drumcar came in to do gardening with us.

I remember when also when John, who plays for Louth, came to train with us on Wednesday.

I enjoyed playing football matches for the school and we won the county championship with the school last year.



I loved when Mr. Mc Eneany came into the class on Tuesday to teach us how to play the tin whistle. I can play lots of tunes now on the tin whistle.

Most of all I loved when Mr Shevlin gave us days off homework.

I made great friends in St. Finian's and I will miss them and all the teachers.



Cool
Humorous
Athletic
Awesome

Best Friend
Sporty
Hilarious
Fast
Friendly



Party animal
Funny
Sporty
Best Friend

Messer
Cool
Fun
Strong
Funny



Creative
Talkative
Bookworm
Dramatic

Artistic
Crazy
Brianbox
Noisy
Funny



Friendly
Fun
Fashionable
Mad Craic

Cool
Kind
Funny
Sound
Playful



Hyper
Helpful
Athletic
High in Stamina

Crazy
Reliable
Sporty
Fast
Giddy



Smart
Humourous
Clever
Funny

Actor
Brainy
Cool
Hilarious
Sporty



Random
Hilarious
Laughaholic
Comedian

Funny
Crazy
Mad
Good Friend
Trustworthy



Animal Lover
Friendly
Awesome
Funny

Cool
Fun
Likeable
Kind
Fun



Fun
Giddy
Unpredictable
Generous

Kind
Happy
Shy
Funny
Generous



Hilarious
Full of fun
Sound
Cool
Loud

Talkative
Funny
Loads of fun
Out-going

It has been a great experience teaching this group of students. They were the first group I taught in the school and I've shared great memories with this bunch. Indeed they made my first year in the school a very memorable and enjoyable one.

I have seen them blossom in such a short period of time, from shy and conservative pupils at the beginning of fifth class to the lively, confident and upbeat young teenagers they now are. It has also been a great pleasure to see them grow into good leaders of the school. One thing that struck me with this group was their willingness to learn. They always accepted new challenges with open arms and gave their all. I would like to think that these pupils enjoyed their time in 5th and 6th class and that they have some good memories of the enjoyable and funny moments (the many jokes and tricks) they had. It will of course be very sad to see them leave to embark on the next stage of their life, but I've no doubt that each and every one of them will be successful in all different aspects of their future lives. I look forward to seeing and hearing about this progress in the future. Best of luck everyone!

I would like to wish these ten young men and women the very best for their future. I hope that they will continue to strive to be the best that they can be. Most of these ten young people started at St. Finian's school on the same day as I did and it is unbelievable that they are now ready to leave. It was my pleasure watching them grow from little children into the fine people that they are now. I worked with them once a week teaching them the ten whistle and working with ITC.

I will be sad to see them go but know that they will make us all proud. I look forward to them returning and telling us of their achievements.

Sixth Class always remember that you are welcome in St. Finian's at anytime. If you ever need help, advice or guidance, or if there is **anything** we can do for you please do not hesitate to ask.

Hold your heads up high and be proud of yourselves because we truly are!

Go raibh cóir na gaoithe i gcónaí libh,
Pádraig Mc Eneany



