

# The Class of 2018

Memories of St. Finian's 2010- 2018

by Sixth Class 2018







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## My St. Finian's Memories By: Archie Carey



Junior/Senior Infants: I don't remember much from junior or senior infants because it was so long ago. I do remember learning the phonics and running around like mad the whole day.

First/Second: Jakub joined our class in second but I cant remember anything else

Third/Fourth: In fourth we got a new teacher called Mr. McKenna and we made a fake 1916 Easter Rising film with him.

Fifth/Sixth: In fifth, I got a new teacher called Mr. Shevlin and now in Sixth I'm just about finished school (soon).

# ***Me and St. Finian's***

By: Robert Casey



My name is Robert, on my 1st day of school, Mrs Lambe was my teacher. I remember it well. I, along with a few others cried on the way in the door. In 1st class, Ms Harmon was my teacher, she was always good fun. In 3rd class, Mrs Quinn taught me, she was my favourite teacher. In 4th class, Mr Mc Kenna was my teacher, he was fun. In 5th and 6th class, Mr Shevlin was my teacher, he got me prepared for my Confirmation and secondary school. I am looking forward to my new school, Scoil Uí Mhuire.



## School Memories of St. Finian's

### By Kate Gorman



My name is Kate and these are my memories from school, I remember when I first came into the school I had this lovely teacher called Mrs.Lambe. I was very nervous when I first came in and I didn't have any friends but the other kids had friends because I started school halfway through the year. I also didn't know anybody's names so I kept calling people weird names like I called Leah, Lela and Archie, Ronald.

In second class I made my first holy communion in Dillonstown church which was great fun and I loved making decorations for it.



In fourth class I had a teacher called Mr.McKenna and I remember when painting I took a step back and I ended up getting paint all over his trousers!! I also got pupil of the year that year too.

In fifth class I had a teacher called Mr.Shevlin and I had him in sixth class too. In fifth class I won the Pierce Callaghan with my Michael Collier project !! We did so many tournaments as well like FIFA tournament, rounders tournament, uni-hock tournament etc. etc.

I had great fun in St.Finians and when I'm in secondary school I will make sure I come back to visit.



# **My School Memories**

## **By Dylan Hanratty**

My first day I was nervous. I only knew archie because he was in play school with me. My teacher was Ms.Lamb. There was 9 on the first day and Kate joined us later that week. My head was like a mop I had long hair. We played dinosaurs and zombies at break time. We played it in the playhouse. Once Thomas jumped out the window, it was so funny. In senior infants my sister joined school. We had a new teacher in 1st class her name was ms.Harmon she was OK. JJ joined us next year. In 2nd class I made my holy communion. We had ms.Tuite that year. She was class she gave us sweets all the time and was really nice to us all. Also that year Mr.Shevlin head butt me and gave me a black eye while playing football by accident. In 3rd class we had Ms.Quinn. She was scary. Once in maths class, Archie was not paying attention and she made us point at him until he turned around it was so funny. In 4th class we had Mr.McKenna. He done lots of science experiments with us. It was very fun. My favourite one was when we made a spaceship with a one litre bottle and fired it in the sky. In 5th class we had Mr.Shevlin. I was looking forward to being in his class and doing P.E with him. My favourite thing was rounders in the summer with 6th he called it the world series. We won. In 6th class we still had Mr.Shevlin. We made our confirmation this year. We also had a soccer tournament, we got to the quarter finals. I was joined top goal scorer with Archie. I love football. The 8 years went so quick. I will miss St.Finian's but I'm ready for a new challenge.



## My Memories In St.Finian's N.S By Jakub Kachel

My name is Jakub Kachel and I am from Poland. I came to this school at the age of 8 which was in 2nd class.

When I came to St.Finians I couldn't speak English. Compared to now, it was terrible. Thanks to Mr. McEneany I can now speak English. He would take me to his class and teach me. I remember when I used to mime stuff out. It was hilarious. We made our holy communion and I was so nervous but it went well.

In third class we had Ms.Quinn. She was one of my favourite teachers. She used to be so nice to everyone .We went to Tayto park for our school tour and it was awesome!

In fourth class we had Mr.McKenna. He was somewhat funny and had a sense of humour. He would take so long to explain everything but it didn't really matter.

In fifth class we had Mr.Shevlin, probably my favourite teacher because he has a good sense of humour and he would talk about random stuff to us. We did a lot of projects on our

computers. In the same class I got my nickname JJ because Mr. Shevlin said that I will be a news reporter in Jamaica etc. so people called me Jamaica Jakub but my class shortened it to JJ. In sixth, we had the same teacher as last year. We made our confirmation and someone got trapped in the room where the priest gets ready. We did a lot of cool stuff with Mr. Shevlin like the conker tournament but we didn't finish it and never will. I will miss this school a lot. I will miss my friends and all the staff. Thank You ;)



# My Favourite Memories of St Finian's N.S.

## By Jack Murtagh

On my first day at St. Finians I was in Junior Infants, I did not know anybody. I just played with little toy cars. In an hour or so I began to make friends. We were reading a book and I saw that Killian had fallen asleep so I smacked him with my ruler to wake him up!

Most years we had different teachers in St. Finians, In Junior and Senior Infants we had Ms. Lambe, in 1st Class we had Miss Harmon, in 2nd Class we had Mrs Tuite, in 3rd Class we had Mrs. Quinn, in 4th Class we had Mr McKenna and in 5th and 6th Class we had Mr Shevlin.

I remember Jakub joining our class when we were in 2nd class. He came from Poland. We made our First Holy Communion that year and Jakub was singing Lady Gaga in the church. In 3rd Class Mrs Quinn did a lot of draughts tournaments, Archie always won. In 5th Class we did a uni hoc tournament I was on Liam's team and we won on penalties. We made our confirmation in 6th Class.



# My memories of St. Finian's

By Leah Kennedy

I have spent the last 8 years in Dillonstown School and I can say that I have enjoyed almost every second of it. During the 8 years in school I have learned a lot, forgotten a bit and will take many memories with me.

I remember my first day very well. I cried my eyes out in the classroom wanting to go home. Whereas my sister who was younger than me was crying because she wanted to stay and play. I was terrified. I cried every morning before school from that day until at least Easter.

In Junior and Senior Infants our teacher, Ms. Lambe, used to give out red cards. I never wanted to get a red card because if you got 3 you were not allowed out at break! But one day Ms. Lambe came over to my desk and she must have been checking my work, but a red card fell out of her hand and accidentally landed on my desk. I panicked because I didn't know what I had done wrong and I cried. That day was funny now when I look back at it.

When I was first class I had Ms. Harmon. She gave everyone the same poem to learn of by heart for the end of the week and if you did not know the poem you would get a strike. I always left the learning to the last minute so every Thursday evening I would stress because I would worry about getting a strike.

During second class, Jakub moved here from Poland and joined our class. I remember him coming and Mr. McEneaney asking him to get his bag. All I could think was, "Sir, he doesn't understand a word you are saying". Eventually Jakub understood and got his bag. I felt that he was embarrassed but couldn't do anything as I didn't know any Polish. But Jakub's English has really improved. Much more than my Polish.

Ms Tuite and Mr. McEneaney taught us in 2nd class and helped prepare us for our communion. I remember Thomas's hair was gelled to the last on our communion day. 😊 Third class came and flew by because I had a very good teacher. Ms. Quinn could be scary sometimes, but we learned a lot with her. People who didn't know her weren't sure about

her but being in her class showed me that that she wasn't scary, she took no nonsense, and that she was fair. I was lucky because I had her as a teacher, but she retired at the end of that year. I think she ended her teaching career on a high after teaching us ;)

We had Mr McKenna in 4th class, and then Mr. Shevlin in 5th and 6th. Mr Shevlin taught us many things and prepared us for our entrance exams in February. He also trained the football team. I enjoyed playing with the school team for an hour after school.

School wasn't just about work, it was about the craic and the extra activities too. I enjoyed the after-school soccer and Gaelic training with the girls' football team. Every year we would look forward to the Christmas Play or a Carol Service and the school tour. The draughts competition with Ms. Quinn was the day that your competitive side came out. I lost against Archie in the final one time. Every year 5th and 6th have an Easter Bonnet Competition. I came 1st in fifth and 2nd in 6th. I really enjoyed the choir every Thursday. This year we went to the Peace Proms. It was amazing to be there. Sports week was the best week of the year that everyone enjoyed.

School would not have been the same without the great teachers. Some days of course were better than others, but in general all the days are good. Mr McEneaney is a fair principal and tries to get the best out of each of us.

During the years we have learned that the boys haven't really grown up. Myself, Lucy and Kate laugh at the boys crying and squabbling for frees, penalties and fouls. They could never agree on how the score was kept and seldom finished a game because they couldn't agree.

But of all the things I have done and gone through in school, it would not have been as enjoyable without my friends. These friends are ones that can turn a bad day into one of the very best, fun and exciting days.

I think that spending the last 8 years at St. Finian's has really prepared me for the next few obstacles that lie ahead.





## My Memories of St. Finian's By Killian Nugent

Hi, my name is Killian I started St.Finian's N.S in 2010 at 4 years old. I started in Jr infants and Ms. Lamb was my teacher. On my first day of school I cried because I missed my mammy. In my class was me, Dylan, Jack, Thomas, Robert, Benny, Archie, Leah, Lucy and Kate. In second class Jacob from Poland and Perdie from England joined are school. Later that year all of second class made their holy first communion. In third class we had a new teacher called Mrs. Quinn. In third class Perdi and Benny both left. Mrs. Quinn would always do a draughts tournament with third and fourth. I remember the one time when Dylan was beating Archie in the final and Archie said he had a sore head, so they did the draughts final a different day and Archie won. Then came fourth class and we had Mr McKenna as are teacher and we did a little short film on the 1916 rising and it was so funny. At Christmas we did a Christmas play and it was my second time in a row being Angel Gabriel, but it was still very fun. When fifth class came I was very happy because Mr Shelvin was my favourite teacher of them all because he was very sporty and did a lot of P.E. Mr Shelvin always did a comedy championship which was a championship to see who was the funniest and I won it twice in a row. I started sixth class when fortnite became a game and it literally took over my life. Then in March 2018 fifth and sixth made their confirmation and I bought loads of stuff. That's all I can remember from St.Finian's and one more thing best school in the world.





## My Memories at S.t Finian's By Lucy O'Neill

On my first day of school I couldn't wait to start. I walked into a small cosy classroom with a nice teacher. There was 10 people in my class. myself, Leah, Thomas, Jack, Dylan, Killian, Kate, Archie, Robert and Benny. I remember we were sitting down and Mrs. Lambe dropped her pencil and Thomas belly skidded to the top of the classroom and hit his head of the table and then got put in the bold corner. I don't remember much about senior infants but I do remember Mrs. Markey was teaching us for the day and Killian fell asleep in the middle of class. I remember going into first class I was a bit scared but there was nothing to worry about. We had a lovely teacher called Ms. Harmon. I started choir that year and I loved it. It was a good year that year a girl from England came into our school her name was Perdi. In second class we had Ms. Tuite she was lovely teacher I remember Mr Mc Eneany came in one day and said that there was going to be a new boy in our class we were all so excited his name was Jakub. Even though one person came into our class Perdi sadly left. I made my first holy communion it was a good day. After the mass we came back to the school and we set of our balloons and mine got caught in the trees then we had cake. In the third class we had Ms. Quinn she was a lovely teacher but very strict. I don't remember much but I do remember the draughts tournament, I didn't get very far. I remember sadly Benny left us in fourth class. In fourth class we had Mr. Mc Kenna. His class was very fun we went swimming, hatched chicks, went to Knowth and Newgrange towards the end of his class we started preparing for fifth class. I couldn't wait to

go into Mr. Shevlin's class. We didn't do much but he was so fun. Now I am in sixth class preparing to leave for secondary school. I'm not looking forward to leaving my 9 amazing, funny and great friends that I have made over the last 8 years but I no were going to have more memories before I leave.





## My School Memories 2010-2018

### By Thomas Ward

My name is Thomas Ward and I am finishing up in St. Finians N.S with sadness that having to leave. I have many memories of being in this school, some funny, some sad, but all great. I remember being in Miss Lambes class in Junior Infants and Killian falling asleep during reading time and the time Miss Lambe dropped her pen, myself and my sister Katie raced up the class to pick it up. I tripped up and ended up belly sliding across the floor much to everyone's amusement. In second class a new, Lady Gaga obsessed kid called Jakub joined our class from Poland. He is now one of my closest friends and I'm so happy that he moved here. In fourth class we tried hatching chicks by incubating eggs. Unfortunately, none hatched as Mr. McKenna's dog knocked the incubator over during the weekend and destroyed all the eggs. I favourite part of school was Halloween. Each year we dressed up and I loved making my costumes with my mam. I won quite a few prizes over the years and last years Transformer costume is now making me money from internet viewings. The final 2 years in Mr. Shevlin's class have been the best. From comedy championships and dance off, unihoc and rounders tournaments, to baking and playing on the school Gaelic team. I have enjoyed it all and have learned many new skills. For this I am very thankful. I am looking forward to my new school but will always remember my time at St. Finians. Thank you all.



Thank you for  
all the love and  
support you have given  
us over the last 8 years -  
Lucy O'Neill

Best of Luck  
In your new  
School  
Jack Murtagh

Good luck at  
the football  
Dylan  
Hanratty

Good Luck  
In your new  
School 6th  
Archie  
Cavey

Thanks  
for guiding  
me through  
the years  
Kate Gorman

I enjoyed  
every second  
through the  
years of an  
amazing school.

Thank You  
for everything.

Leah Kennedy

Good  
luck to everyone  
in 6th Class.

Killian Nugent

Thanks to  
all the Teachers  
in St Finians NS  
for teaching me  
through the  
years.

Thomas Ward

I want to thank  
everyone for being  
the best people I  
have met. Good Luck.

Jakub Kachel

Good Luck 6th  
Class  
Robert Casey

**The Sixth Class pupils of 2017-2018 have made us all very proud. They were always great fun! They are a great bunch and if we ever needed a job done around school, they could always be trusted to do it well. They have become truly involved in the decision making in the school, through their involvement with Green Schools' Committees, Active Schools, School Assembly and updating the school website each Friday. They get on very well together and look out for each other. They have made true friends which they will be able to rely on in the years ahead.**

**We will miss them greatly when they leave but we wish them all the very best and we look forward to seeing them and hearing about their wonderful achievements in the future.**

**There will always be a welcome for them in St. Finian's, we are immensely proud of you all!**

**Stand tall and hold your heads up high!**

**Go n-éirí an bóthar libh go léir  
Pádraig Mc Eneany**

The 6th class graduates of 2018 have really proven themselves to be great leaders in the school. Having taught them over the past two years, they really have blossomed in 6th class taking charge of important duties in school life. They have also been great role models for the younger classes. However all good things have to come to an end, and they are now ready to take the next step in their journey. They have worked very hard over past two years and are well equipped to take on the challenges of secondary school. They are a tight knit group and I hope that they keep in touch with one another in the future.

I'm sure the pupils will have lots of great memories of their time in St Finian's, from funny moments at break times or in the classroom to happy memoirs at school trips and sporting events. Also, there may have been some difficult times like all things in life, however all in all I think the happy moments greatly outweigh the difficult ones.

I'd like to wish all ten pupils the very best in their future and remind them that we are always here to help at St. Finian's.

Be the best that you can be.

Liam Shevlin,  
5th and 6th Class Teacher.









