

### Construction of new school toilets.

The construction of the new school toilets is under way and should be completed after Christmas. At present the roofing process is being completed.

### Time Capsule

On 2nd October a Time Capsule was placed in the foundation floor of our new toilet facility. The Time Capsule is a picture of life in our school and the community at this time. The Time Capsule contains the following: School Uniform Jumper; Irish Examiner of Monday, 28.09.2009; Southern Star of Saturday, 26.09.2009; Names and address of children and staff at Tirelton N.S.; School photograph of all children wearing red and white; 2 x CD's of many photographs of Tirelton NS; Photograph of toilets before demolition; Two school newsletters – April 2009 and June 2009; Two copies belonging to current school children; School compliment slip. New building being constructed by Crowley Brothers, Droumlough, Dunmanway



### Concert

On Friday 18th December, the children performed some songs and tunes with our tin whistle teacher, Maurice Foley. It was great to see so many parents present.

### G.A.A. 125

Chairman of the G.A.A.'s Munster Council, Jimmy O'Gorman will visit the school on Tuesday, 22nd December.

### Thank you

The school would like to thank those who are connected to Gaelic Telecom for their very kind and generous donations towards school funds. Mile buiochas!

**School is reopening on Thursday, 7th January, 2010.**

Our Newsletter can also be viewed on [www.tireltonns.ie/newsletter](http://www.tireltonns.ie/newsletter)

## Nuacht ó Scoil Tír Eiltín

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### Tirelton 4-4; Ballyvongane 2-3

#### Final Thoughts

We had been preparing for this day for a long time with about 30 training sessions after school – many of them in the muck and rain. We also had lots of challenge matches with other schools – some of them were a few grades higher than us but still we managed to win 9 out of the 10 matches we played. These matches gave us great experience and gave us an opportunity to experiment with playing in different positions. I helped my Dad to paint some pallets with 'Good Luck' signs and we decorated the whole village with them. We were worried coming up to the final because the weather was very wet and we were afraid that it would have to be postponed **again**. We also had some injury worries.

The night before the final, I went to bed at quarter past nine – a little earlier than my usual time – but I didn't get to sleep until about ten. I was going through everything in my head. When I got up in the morning, the first thing I did was to check the weather and I was very relieved to see that it was dry. I double checked my gear and came down to a big bowl of porridge.

When I arrived at school everybody was talking about how excited they were and how they couldn't wait until they got onto the pitch. When we got to the dressing room the nerves started to kick in. Finally it was time, so we got up and walked out the dressing-room door. We ran down the tunnel on to the field and heard the loud cheers from our supporters. I felt so honoured to be representing Tirelton School in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. I got a fright when I saw my marker, as we were taking our positions, because he was so big. At half time we were happy that we were winning but we knew that the game wasn't over and Ballyvongane would come out all fired up. The second half was action packed and very tense as Ballyvongane stormed into the game scoring two goals in quick succession. We came back however and eventually won the game by seven points. When we heard the final whistle we were over the moon and also relieved that we had won. I felt so proud to see Kevin lifting the cup. It was great to get together afterwards in the Oriel House and everybody was in top form. Mr. Healy had done a lot of work with us and it had paid off. I was delighted that we could finally get our picture up on the wall in our school!



## Welcome to Junior Infant Class of 2009!



### County G.A.A. Coach, John Darby

Since September the County G.A.A. Coach, John Darby visited the school on Wednesdays to teach the children some football skills. All children participated and everyone enjoyed the sessions very much. Thanks is due to the Kilmichael GAA Club for helping out with expenses. Who knows, the next Brieger Corkery or Graham Canty may be in our school!

### Red and White Day / Blue and Yellow Day

On Friday, 18th September all children came to school dressed in 'Red and White' to mark the Cork Football team playing in the All Ireland Final. Unfortunately, they were not successful. However, on 25th November we had a 'Blue and Yellow' day to celebrate the achievement of reaching the Sciath na Scol final. As we all know this time the result was different.

### Enrolment Ceremony

Enrolment Ceremony took place for eight First Holy Communion and nineteen Confirmation children from Tirelton N.S. in St. Finbarr's Church, Toames on Sunday, 8th November 2009. Confirmation takes place in Toames Church on Sunday, 14th March and First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May in Toames Church.

### Parent/Teacher meetings

Due to Sciath na Scol Final in November, our Parent/Teacher meetings had to be rescheduled. More details after Christmas.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our teacher Mary McCarthy on the birth of her baby boy.

### Welcome

We welcome Joseph Nolan, to the staff of Tirelton N.S.

### Cork City Sports

The Cork City Sports were held in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Wednesday, 30th September. These sports were postponed last summer due to the inclement weather. It was lovely that many of our past pupils came back to take part. A great day was had by all. Photos may be seen on [www.tireltonns.ie/sports](http://www.tireltonns.ie/sports)

### Shoe Boxes all ready to go to less well off children.



### Swimming Classes

Swimming classes are commencing on Tuesday, 16th February in Dunmanway swimming pool for 6 weeks. All children from 1st class to 6th class participate.

### W.S.E. Report

Our Whole School Evaluation report can now be reviewed on the Department of Education and Science Website. We were extremely pleased with the positive nature of the report, something for which teachers, pupils, parents and B.O.M. can all take credit. It is indeed something the whole school community can be extremely proud of.

### School Plays

Our school plays were unable to take place this Christmas due to the building work at the school. We hope to put them on in February.