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Pictured from L-R are: Donna Ward Green School Co-ordinator, Diarmuid Kennedy, The Wrigley Company, Laura Murphy, REPAK, Clare Egan, Dublin City County Council, and Bernard Ryan, An Taisce, Stephanie Basnett and Shannon McAnaspie, Green School Committee members

A EUROPEAN FIRST FOR HOLY SPIRIT G.N.S.

On the tenth of March 2011, Holy Spirit G.N.S. Ballymun was presented with their fifth green flag for their hard work and dedication to Green schools. Not only was it an honour to get a fifth flag, but they became the first school in Europe to receive the flag for the theme of “Citizenship”. To date, they have received flags for working on themes of Reducing, Reusing, Recycling, Saving Water, Saving Energy and Transport.

“Our school was asked to pilot the theme of citizenship in May 2009. The children learned all about how we are connected to other countries and how important it is to be a good citizen”, said Ms. Ward, the Green School Co-ordinator. “We had fun doing activities when we became a Fairtrade school and really enjoyed our International Celebration Day”, said Shannon from the Green school committee.

The staff and children of Holy Spirit G.N.S. are looking forward to celebrating in June with a fun flag-raising day at school.

If you see anything of a criminal nature i.e. vandalism, burglaries or thefts, please contact the Ballymun Gardai at 01 666 4400



Ballymun Tidy Towns

Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee has successfully entered Ballymun into The National Tidy Towns Competition every year since 2005 and they are looking for volunteers for this years competition.

You can help Ballymun's Tidy Towns efforts by entering one of the following competitions:

- **Best Kept Garden**
- **Best Kept Area**
- **Beautiful Spaces (youth competition)**
- **Best Shop Front**

All entries must be in before June 2011

Cleaning

Join your neighbours in cleaning up your area. The

Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee is providing a small environmental grant for local groups to help implement Tidy Towns related environmental projects in the area. For more information on this please contact: Roger Warburton at 01 222 8526 or roger.warburton@dublincity.ie

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering for our Spring & Summer Tidy Towns programme contact: Kathleen Donnelly at 01 222 5846 or Kathleen@globalactionplan.ie

Everyone is welcome to join the Ballymun Tidy Towns committee and all our activities and initiatives are open to the whole community.

"If you were a Landscape Architect..."

An Exhibition of 1st year students' work and an interactive children's landscape architecture booklet was launched in the Atrium in Ballymun Civic Centre on 30th March 2011.

The booklet was designed by Landscape Architect Sophie Graefin von Maltzen. A group of young people from the Aisling Teen Transition Programme took part in a pilot project which introduced them to landscape architecture and also assisted in developing specific skills regarding participative consultation. The booklet is free of charge and is available on request from Ballymun Regeneration Ltd to all schools in Ballymun. If your school is interested in obtaining the booklets, please contact Debby Clarke @ 01 222 5609 or Dorothea Burger @ 01 222 5679.

The exhibition and booklet was launched by Councillor Andrew Montague, representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin and is open to visitors on weekdays from 9a.m. – 5.30p.m. until 24th April 2011.



Young people from the Aisling Project present their working models at the launch of "If you were a Landscape Architect" exhibition and booklet

Enjoy a great family day out at Dublin Zoo!

A new baby Gorilla was born on Sunday 3rd April in Dublin Zoo. When born, the keepers were unable to say whether it was a boy or a girl as its mother Lena was very protective towards her baby. So why not go and find out? Zoo family passes are available from Ballymun Regeneration Ltd at the reduced rate of €15 each. If you wish to

avail of this offer, please call Debby @ 01 222 5609. The first three people to contact Debby Clarke @ 01 222 5609 and tell if the baby Gorilla is a boy or a girl will receive a free family pass for Dublin Zoo. The Documentary series about Dublin Zoo 'The Zoo' continues in RTE 1 on Friday nights!

axis events

After axis' sell-out new production 'When Jolie Met Christie' last month, they are now sending their hit-show from last year '**The Parting Glass**' by Dermot Bolger on a national tour to venues all around Ireland. 'The Parting Glass' enjoyed major success during its 5-week run last year and since then venues around Ireland have been making enquiries to feature the show in their theatres. For those who missed 'When Jolie Met Christie' last month... stay tuned to the axis website as there has also been a huge interest from other venue's to tour it too.

AXIS ON NATIONAL TOUR: The Parting Glass by Dermot Bolger



Ray Yeates plays Eoin in *The Parting Glass*

Dates: 4th April - 11th June

Venue Information: See www.axis-ballymun.ie or Call axis' box office on 01 883 2100.

Also this month you can catch local Award-Winning All-Ireland Champions from Natalie Barnwell's Dance School for two nights only in 'The Block Easter Show'. We are expecting tickets to sell out quickly, so make sure to book early.

Remember you can stay in touch with axis through facebook, twitter or youtube. For more information on axis or their events call them on 01 883 2100 or visit their website www.axis-ballymun.ie

The Block Easter Show by Natalie Barnwell Dance School

Dates: 28th & 29th April at 8pm

Tickets: €10

AWARD-WINNING ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

For almost four years local award winning dancer Natalie Barnwell has taught hip-hop in axis' dance studio with an army of eager young people turning up religiously each Friday to take part in her class.

Now for the first time, the group will perform on their own, showcasing some of the best local dance talent right here on axis' stage. The showcase will also feature the latest dance craze to sweep Ballymun and YouTube - the Shuffle.

A great night out for all the family.

CCTV helping Safer Ballymun to fight crime and anti-social behaviour

Since its launch during Safer Ballymun Week last October, the CCTV cameras have become a valuable asset to both the community and Gardai in the fight against crime. The CCTV is monitored, managed and maintained by Dublin City Council and the cameras are now fully operational, and they are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Gardai who regularly view footage have found it a very successful tool in detecting criminal behaviour. However, the gardai depend on the vigilance and commitment of residents in reporting crime to help tackle the issues of crime and anti-social behaviour in Ballymun.

Reporting a Crime

If you witness a crime taking place in your area, please ring the Gardai directly as this will ensure the incident is logged and prioritised accordingly. If you are concerned

about ongoing anti-social behaviour in your area you can also contact the Safer Ballymun Coordinator who will follow up your complaint on your behalf. There are also two confidential telephone numbers available to the public to assist in the reporting of crime - the Garda Confidential Number and the Dial to Stop Drug Dealing line. Please see details below.

Useful Contact Numbers

Ballymun Gardai Station	01 666 4400
Ballymun Community Policing Unit	01 666 4420
Ballymun Detective Unit	01 666 4411
Confidential Phone Line	1800 666111
Dial To Stop Drug Dealing	1800 220220
Safer Ballymun Coordinator	01 222 7396
Email: Geraldine.ohanlon@dublincity.ie	

The sun shines on the MUN-FUN-RUN 2011



In fantastic weather conditions, up to 1,000 runners, walkers and joggers limbered up to take to the streets of Ballymun to do their bit for both charity and their physical wellbeing on Wednesday 6th of April in the second annual 3km and 5km **MUN-FUN-RUN**. After a mass warm-up instructed by the staff of Ballymun Leisure Centre, Dublin County Player Philip McMahon set the runners off.

It was wonderful to see so many people supporting so many causes. It was enormously heartening and proof

once again of the generosity of the people of Ballymun and the surrounding areas. Competitors also received wonderful support on the course from the many residents who cheered on the large crowds of children and adults so enthusiastically

Everyone was delighted that The Mun-Fun-Run ran so smoothly. A big thanks has to go out to An Garda Síochána, Trinity Comprehensive fourth year students, Paddy O'Reilly and Eric Bonass PE teachers with Trinity Comprehensive, Rosie King, Ballymun Regeneration Sports Development Officer, Emma Byrne, Ballymun RAPID Coordinator, Antonia Martin, DCC Sports and Recreation Officer, the DCC Sports and Community Section and Supervalu. It truly was a team effort.

Well done to all Ballymun Primary schools and Community Groups that took part, we hope everyone enjoyed the day and we hope to see you all next year.

We hope to make The Mun-Fun-Run an annual affair, getting bigger and better each year.

If you would like further information on **The MUN-FUN-RUN** please contact:

Rosie King - 01 222 5617, rosie.king@dublincity.ie

Emma Byrne - 01 222 5711, emma.byrne@dublincity.ie

Antonia Martin - 01 222 5407, antonia.martin@dublincity.ie

Rediscover Fashion is now recruiting for the following courses and workshops



Basic Fashion Skills – 1 Day Course

This one-day beginner's course has been designed as the perfect introduction to fashion design. Participants will not only learn to use machinery, but also develop and understand basic skills in dress making and basic pattern.

Saturday 30th April, 10.00 – 17.00

Cost: €80 (€20 deposit required to secure place)

Dressmaking & Upstyling – 3 day workshop

Learn how to give your old clothes a new lease of life & upstyle without spending a penny. No previous experience needed. Just bring your old clothes to work with!

**Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th May 2011
9.30 – 15.30 daily**

**Cost: Employed €90, Students €60, Unemployed €30
(€20 deposit required to secure place)**

For more information on courses and workshops, please contact Carrie Ann at carrie-ann@rediscoverycentre.ie or log onto:

www.rediscoverycentre.ie

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