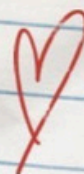


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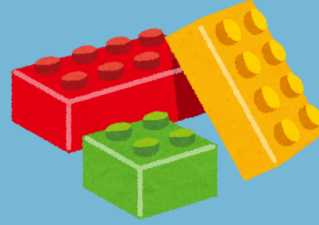
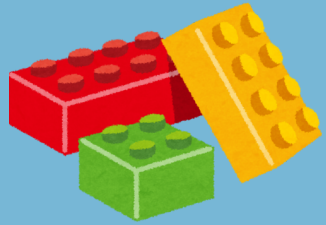
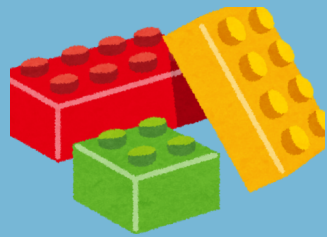
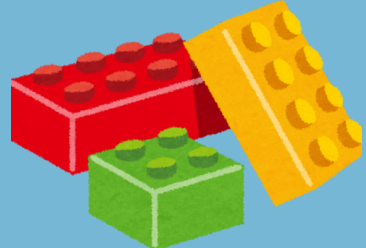
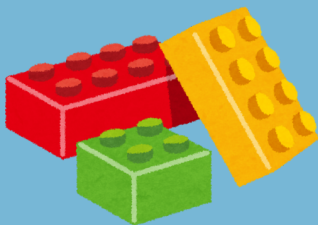
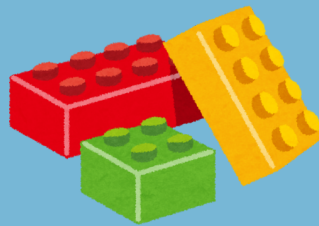


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Childhood memories



CHILDHOOD MOVIES

FINDING NEMO
TOY STORY
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WRECK IT RALPH
CINDERELLA
ICE AGE
THE MINIONS
MADAGASCAR



CHILDHOOD SHOWS

VICTORIOUS
SOFIA THE FIRST
MICKEY MOUSE
CLUB HOUSE
RASTAMOUSE MY
LITTLE PONY
FIREMAN SAM
LITTELST PET SHOP
PAW PATROL



CHILDHOOD SONGS

CHEERLEADER
BLACK MAGIC
LAST FRIDAY NIGHT
CANT STOP THE FEELING
DIAMONDS
THE GREATEST SHOW
THE CUP SONG
RULE THE WORLD
CHEERLEADER
BELIEVER
CANT HOLD US



CHILDHOOD GAMES

GEOMETRY DASH
TEMPLE RUN
ADOPT ME
BLOXBURG
TEMPLE RUN
TENNIS CLASH
SONIC DASH
MARIO WORLD
PLANTS VS ZOMBIES
FORTNITE
STAR WARS
BATTLE FRONT



Memories

When I was 11 i used to take a “shortcut” home on my bike by riding straight across the green instead of on the paths. It was really dark out and I couldn't see anything.

Halfway across the green, all of a sudden my front wheel flipped and I fell face first into a huge puddle. I lay on the ground for a couple of seconds trying to figure out what just happened, I decided to just get up and continue to cycle home across the green. I was soaking and covered in mud.

When I got home my Dad couldn't stop laughing at me, which put me in a mood...

I put my bike in the shed and went inside very embarrassed and had to explain why I was covered head to toe in mud.

Moral of the story- Don't take the shortcut home in the dark!

Back when I was in third class,me and my friend spent an entire day trying to enable 2FA on Fortnite so that we could get a free skin. We went to extreme lengths and even got his Dad to come home from work to accept a verification code. Then when his dad got home all the way from the city centre, we then realised that my friend's playstation was not compatible with his dads email. So we had wasted 8 plus hours and dragged his dad out of work for nothing. [We never ended up getting the free skin]

When I was young, I loved being in my garden.

One day,I dug a hole in the flower beds, with my brother, and we filled it up with water. I decided to go into it fully clothed and absolutely ruined my clothes.Looking back it was quite a funny moment.



Back on December 6th 2021, it was the day of the Late Late Toy show and me and my friends went out. We went down where the beach toilets were, and one of my friends was standing on the roof of the toilets, while me and my other friend were down on the ground. I decided to hit my friend on the roof with a stone from the beach. I picked up the rock and threw it, but the throw was too weak, and the stone smashed into the barred windows of the toilet, and in between the gaps. Then, a man inside started shouting, saying he saw my friend standing beside me and that he was going to kill us. We started running and left our friend behind standing on the roof.

One time me and my friends were playing a football match on the astro in paddy's hill in the summer. It was 3-3 with 30 seconds left and both teams were pushing for the goal and my friend passed my other friend the ball down the line however, instead of touching the ball he kicked the post really hard and fell over and started saying he hurt his toe. It was even funnier because everyone was telling him he was playing bad all day and he said he was going to prove us wrong and instead he did that.

The Naomh Mearnog GAA club is a place I find the most important to me as I love my club and it's where I found some of my closest friends to this day. I've been in the GAA Club for as long as I can remember, my dad just put me into all the sports he could at the time to try to get one to stick. I moved into my house in 2009 and my dad and mom both did swimming competitively. They both did swimming for Leinster for a while and were heavily involved. Still to this day I do GAA Football and hurling and I still like football. I had to give up the swimming unfortunately because they asked me to swim competitively and do early morning sessions and more to much to sacrifice.



The Importance of Sport In Childhood

I have been playing sports basically all of my life, I joined GAA & Camogie at 4 years old. Twelve years later, I kept all my valuable relationships. My team is so important to me and they all hold a very special place in my heart. My Dad was always really into GAA since he was young as well, so since the day I was born I have always been up at matches and in the GAA club. He is the one who really got me interested in the sport.

Sports are important because they encourage socialisation in children, which is when it is most important to be around new people because otherwise you'll be shy or socially awkward. Sports are also important for physical development and health, when you are young and active it helps with keeping you fit and physically well, also when you are a kid you have a lot of energy so being out and playing a sport kills off some of your energy which will then help you to sleep that night which is very important for your health and wellbeing

Growing up around your teammates is an amazing thing because they become your life long friends. You will grow up and go to school and meet new people, but you will always have your teammates. A couple times a week you will always see them and you can forget about everything else that happened throughout the week. It is important for young people to have close friends and personally the main majority of all of my friends I know from playing sports.

Any time I'm at the GAA club and I see little kids running around with their friends it always makes me feel so happy being able to hear them laugh and almost instantly everyone around me gets a smile on their face as well.

In conclusion, sports in childhood are important for several reasons but in my opinion, the most important being, the friendships created and getting carried on into later childhood and hopeful

By Molly Allen White

SPORTS



SPORTS

PCS to face St Benildus



It's a cold blustery day here at Portmarnock community school with PCS to face St Benildus College in a Dublin semi-final being played in our own back garden. Captaining our side today is Darragh Fay.

Pcs start well in difficult conditions unfortunately going 2 points down but Scott Scully pulls one back and gets the first point for pcs. The rest of the first half was end to end with Portmarnock getting the better of Benildus and not giving up until that half time whistle blew. It was 7-2 at the end of the first half in our favour.

The boys started the second half off well as Mr.Black's side remains unchanged. However, the biggest downfall of the game took place when Ollie Hughes jumped up for a catch and was struck down on top of his right arm. After being the star player for PCS, Ollie was helped off the pitch after trying to play on through his injury. The game ended 1-12 to 2-3 to the mighty PCS and the boys are through to the Dublin.

A final to face either Airdscoil rís or St Aidans CBS, to be decided in their clash on Thursday.



PCS vs Benevin

We're here at Gannon park in malahide to watch PCS 1st years play against Benevin in the Dublin league semi final. Portmarnock got off to a good start but it wasn't good enough with Benevin playing a great ball through the defence into a tidy finish by the striker. PCS stayed on top with some great play around the midfield with Jake Kavanagh spraying the ball around and some great defending by Nathan Dunne. All of the lads hard work led to a brilliant goal by Callum O'Reilly into the top corner to end the half 1-1. Post goal photo.

Second half starts with an intense first few minutes with the tackles flying in everywhere. Harry brain throwing in some big challenges from centre back.

Callum O'Reilly played a great ball across to Max Quinlan who cut inside and slotted it nicely into the bottom corner. The crowd erupted and PCS ran down to him



PCS Win 3-2

PCS made some changes with Will Murray and Cullen Barrett coming on with an impact. Callum O'Reilly broke through yet again, scoring his second with a lovely finish for his brace making the team go mental again.

Benevin apply more pressure and score a nice goal giving them the momentum. They're building on it and they're all over PCS for a while making the game heated with will murray giving a big challenge getting himself booked.

PCS win it 3-2 after a hard earned victory. What a game
Ollie Kiernan.

1st Year Camogie

A horrible day in PCS as our first years got into battle. The rain was coming down hard and the wind was even stronger. It took both sides some time to get into the match but PCS got the only score of the first half right before half time. In the second half the game opened up and PCS used it to there advantage and took off finishing the game winners 1-5 to no score.

By Darragh Fay



PCS vs De la Salle Churchtown

The game kicked off in Stella Maris astro at 11am. Jamie Flynn was our captain. Portmarnock started stronger of the 2 sides playing some nice football. It didn't take long for PCS to open up the scoring. Jamie Flynn with an impressive free kick from the edge of the box. A solid performance all round from Portmarnock saw them leading 1-0 at half time.

The second half started well again for Portmarnock. It didn't take long before PCS got there second through a tidy finish by Jack Burke. The whole team ran down to the corner flag and Jack was booked for kicking the corner flag and Sean Lowry and Jack Farrelly were sent away for running off the bench to celebrate. A second goal from Jack Burke sealed off a fantastic 3-0 win for the Portmarnock men sending them to the U19 Leinster final.

By Darragh Fay

Corruption within the football association of Ireland (FAI) By Alfie Thompson

All the public interest in the FAI and their expenditure began after the famous handball by French star Thierry Henry in the 2010 world cup qualifiers. On November 18th 2009 in extra time in a jam packed Stade de France. Henry clearly handled the ball before setting up teammate William Gallas to score a crucial goal to send France to South Africa and leaving Irish hearts broken.

There was uproar around Ireland and the world about how much of a scandal this was. Large amounts of abuse were hurled at the Arsenal star Henry. FIFA's response to all of this publicity was to create a deal with the FAI. They paid the FAI 5 million euros with the agreement being that the FAI would not take legal action against FIFA for the poor refereeing display in Paris.

With this large funding the FAI was now in a very strong financial position and then there was John Delaney. In 2010 Delaney received a contract extension as chief executive of the association.



In 2015, news broke. 7 high level employees of FIFA were sacked and then the world was informed that the 5 million euro payment was actually just a loan and agreed to be paid back 'if' Ireland were to qualify for the 2014 World Cup (they did not qualify). There was no real further comments made on this story by the Delaney and the FAI. We still do not know who kept the 5 million from FIFA.

During the 2016 summer olympics ticket scandal, Brazilian police seized John's passport in relation to ticket touting. He then resigned from the olympic committee of Ireland.

The aftermath of Delaney's tenure as chief executive:

In March 2019 Delaney resigned as CEO and this is where the scandals are revealed. There were hundreds of actions done by Delaney for his own benefit instead of the associations. I will now give some of the examples of John's poor behaviour.

1. Rent in Wicklow: It was revealed that during his 15 year employment, the FAI paid 3,000 euro a month to Delaney for his mansion in Wicklow.

2. Holidays: Delaney would jet off with his girlfriend on a regular basis to extravagant places like Dubai, Thailand and many more. He would pay for everything on company cards.

3. Shopping: Near the end of his reign Delaney took his company expenditure to the next level. He began to make every single purchase of his day to day life with the FAI's money.

When this was revealed to the Irish public, anger was immense. John would receive over 400,000 euro per year and still felt the need to use others' money to fund his greed and lively lifestyle.

The Garda then got involved to try and bring him to justice for fraud. He was in and out of court rooms. He managed to get his way out of jail time but was still order to pay some hefty fines.

Nowadays: Delaney left the FAI in pieces after his corrupt reign. The league of Ireland was left with very little funding due to the FAI being practically broke, the national team then began to struggle and the government were called into help so that the association could stay afloat. 6 years on the FAI are still in depth but are thankfully now free from corruption and have moved into a much better space.

John Delaney was a greedy man who used his power for his own gain and did not care for his country, people, players or clubs.

The Problem with Irish Football

On the 28th of August 2025, Shelbourne FC, the reigning League of Ireland champions, beat Linfield 2-0 in Windsor Park to qualify for the UEFA Conference League for the first time in their history. For this achievement, they received €5 million. This was an amazing achievement for the club and the league, but it also highlighted a major problem with Irish football. The season before, Shelbourne, as I said won the League Of Ireland Premier Division, winning a total of €120k. It is very clear by this, that the Irish league is far behind other top European leagues in terms of funding. Ireland is ranked 31st in the UEFA coefficient rankings, Bulgaria is ranked 32nd, yet the Bulgarian League champions, Ludogorets Razgrad, won €300k. It is clear that Irish football simply doesn't have the same level of funding as similar European leagues, and as a result, the Irish League and Irish football in general is falling behind other European nations, as evidenced by the Men's National Football team dropping from 23rd to 59th in the world FIFA rankings in the last decade from November 24th 2016. In this article I will discuss why and how the League Of Ireland has been underfunded, as well as exploring some of the controversies linked to the FAI and their financial handling of Irish football.



Before the budget 2026, the FAI requested €4.45 million from the Irish Government, mainly to help professionalise 26 underage League Of Ireland academies by creating more full time positions such as academy coaches and directors, to help improve the league's youth development as based off of the CIES football observatory data, Irish academies rank joint 61st in the world, joint with Albania. However, the FAI was only given €3 million of the €4.45 million requested, highlighting the first main issue with football funding in the country, The Irish Government doesn't believe there is enough interest or potential in the league to invest more in the league. For example, the government spent nearly €10 million to host the NFL game between the Minnesota Vikings and Pittsburgh Steelers in Croke Park in 2025, and invested €7 million into the GAA. However, a lack of funding from the Irish government is far from the main reason for the League's lack of money, as the FAI's mismanagement of funds has extremely disadvantaged the League.





Under the leadership of John Delaney, the FAI found itself in a financial crisis that had a huge negative impact on the League of Ireland. By 2019, it was officially revealed that the FAI was on the verge of financial collapse, with about €70 million in debt, caused largely by Delaney himself, who spent roughly €1 million of the FAI's money on personal expenses, e.g. spending €70,000 on his 50th birthday party, €300,000 in legal fees and €240,000 in rent, also providing several thousands in secret bonuses for high ranking FAI directors for holidays and more. The FAI had to be bailed out by the Irish government in 2020, who granted them roughly €28 million to help them out of their debt. This financial trouble still has lasting effects today and was extremely harmful for Irish football in general. The specific impact on the league was incredibly damaging. For example, only one League of Ireland stadium (Tallaght Stadium - Shamrock Rovers) meeting modern 10,000 capacity standards, and several parts of stadiums being run down and being described as "archaic". For many years, Irish academies were severely underfunded, receiving often zero funding from the FAI, up until 2025 when the Irish government gave €3 million to professionalise the academies, seeing as the FAI could not. Finally, direct organisational problems within the FAI in 2023, led to nearly €500,000 in funding for the league not ever reaching the clubs.

In conclusion, a combination of government reluctance and FAI mishandling has led to the Irish league suffering in comparison to other similar sizes European leagues, harming Irish football in general. However, a lot of renewed interest in the league from fans and success in Europe means that the League is improving, along with Irish football, and maybe one day, we will see Irish clubs competing in Europe every year, with facilities matching those in other parts of the world.

By Joe Curtin

DUBLIN V CORK ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

The sun is beaming out of the sky down on Croke Park. Full to the brim, all 82,300 people waiting for a cracking game of hurling to start.

The tension can be felt between the two teams as they walk on to the field.

The referee throws the ball on, Brian Hayes carries the ball up to Cian O' Sullivan and Cian opens the game with a great score of his week side just after 12 seconds. After 6 minutes of skilful hurling, Corks Brian Hayes shows us his skill and places the ball in the back of the net as the games first goal. Brian Hayes and Alan Connollys how Croke Park a beautiful peace of skill to bring the score up to 2-05 to 0-04 after just 12 minutes. Just minutes later Tim O' Mahoney uses his pace to get past Dublins fullback line and lobs the sliotar into the air and Alan Connolly gets a sweet touch and flicks it into the back of the net. Cork now leads by 9. After no response to 3 goals, Dublin respond, Cian O' Sullivan smashes a goal into the back of Corks net. Just before the full time whistle blows, once again corks star full forward line work their magic and score the last score of the first half. Halftime score Cork 4-11 Dublin 1-11. After cork continue to add scores to their tally, Dublin win a free. They play it smart and pass it off to Cian O' Sullivan and he manages to get it into the goal past 7 cork players. With only 5 minutes left, cork lead by 18 points. Alan Connolly continues to increase the gapv between the 2 teams and adds another goal to their scores. After 74 minutes, the referee decides to blow the full time whistle. With a gap of 20 points, Cork will now proceed to the Men's All Ireland hurling final in a few weeks. Final score, Cork 7-26 Dublin 2-21.



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THAT NIGHT

IN PARIS

That night in Paris By Caelan Smullen

It was a cold night in Paris. Manchester United were trailing 2.0 to French giants Paris Saint German. Among the names were the likes of Nemanja Matic, Paul Pogba, Anthony Martial and Jesse Lingard. Before the match, manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said 'mountains are there to be climbed' in a BT sports interview. This led to a historic night that would be remembered for years to come.

For Paris, one of their key players that season, Neymar Jr, was out with a leg injury which had him out for the big game. Paris Saint German went into this game thinking they would fly past them. While Manchester United went in with high hopes of reaching the quarter finals. United started like a house on fire with Romelu Lukaku scoring in less than 5 minutes with a tidy finish bringing it around the keeper and sliding the ball into the far right bottom hand corner. A couple minutes later PSG hit back with a goal from Juan Bernat. After that it was pretty neck-and-neck until Rashford had a pop from outside the box. Knowing the legend Gianluigi Buffon in goal, most people would have assumed he would have easily caught the ball, but not Lukaku, he was on the ball from minute goal capitalising from his mistake not to collect it first time and slotted it in the back of the net just before the half time whistle.

Hopes were very high for United going into the break but they still needed one more goal to be on top of the giants of Paris. After the break PSG were looking a bit shaky with shots from Rashford again just going astray passing the post by millimetres. Suddenly Marco Veratti sees a lovely opportunity to make a flick pass in space for Angel Di Maria to chip the goalie to make it two two, but sadly he was a fraction offside from ruining Manchester United's dreams of making the quarter finals. The game was approaching the final minutes of play. Ole was bringing on lots of youngsters like Taih Chong and Mason Greenwood hoping for a miracle from the young teenagers. Looking for a miracle went straight the way of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Right back Diego Dalot hits a shot from outside the box then suddenly, the ball strikes the hand of player Presnel Kimpembe in the box, IT WAS A PENALTY TO UNITED IN THE LAST MINUTE.....And there was only one name in Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's mind. Marcus Rashford. All the players were furious with the ref, some of them were getting in Marcus' head and some were still arguing with the ref. Then up he stepped, put the ball down and took a couple steps back. He did a little jog to ball and smashed it in the top left, the crowd were going mental they couldn't believe it. Marcus Rashford has just sent them to the quarter finals. They haven't been to that stage in ages. After the match all the players were buzzing that they will be going to the quarter finals. All the players that weren't playing met up and celebrated with them. In the interviews after the match Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said a very inspirational quote which he must have said to the lads at half time. He said "don't feel sorry for yourself" basically saying don't be down about the score and start focusing on getting a winner. It was a great moment to observe and will go down as one of the best Champions League stories of all time.



SAIPAN

Film Review

By Conor O' Hanlon

Hi, I'm Conor and today I'm going to be giving a review on the movie 'Saipan'. The main actors include Eanna Hardwicke as Roy Keane and Steve Coogan as Mick McCarthy. Saipan is about the fall-out of Ireland's 2002 World Cup. It tells the story about the conflict between the nation's captain, Roy Keane, and the manager, Mick McCarthy. The team was preparing for the 2002 world cup at a training camp on an island off the side of Spain, called Saipan. The conflict mainly came from captain Roy Keane becoming furious about how the team was preparing for such a big tournament. This poor preparation mainly included bad training pitches, poor facilities and equipment and a lack of what Keane believes is professionalism.

The film shows the tension between Keane and McCarthy building until it eventually explodes in front of the rest of the team. Keane famously tells McCarthy that he doesn't rate him as a manager or even as a person, and even takes a jab at him for not being Irish. McCarthy sends Keane home, meaning Ireland goes to the world cup without their born captain and best player.

However the film isn't just about football, it's about clashing personalities and egos, leadership and pride, Irish identity and expectations, and the big 'what if?' question of how far Ireland could've gone with Keane in the team.

I think that Eanna Hardwicke plays a great Roy Keane in the movie and does a great job of portraying Keane's leadership and intensity. I also think he shows excellently the dynamic between himself and McCarthy. The two actors work great off one another to create a strong atmosphere and give a sense of locker room drama and team dynamics and the pressure of international football, especially for a nation like Ireland in the biggest national competition in the world.

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The director leaves a great sense of direction as to let the viewers decide themselves whether the film feels balanced or biased to a certain side and if there is a bias, who is it towards?



The main themes in the film are leadership and authority, in both Keane and McCarthy, the conflict in professional sport, be it at an international or club level, pride and international expectations, and personality traits in high pressure environments. The film also respects on Irish sporting culture and how the nation reacted to the whole situation.

In conclusion, I find the movie extremely engaging and a great movie for any football fan, Irish or not. I also think it does a good job of successfully catching the real life controversy. It also gives insight into Keane's personality and how he is now as a pundit and spokesperson for Sky Sports compared to how he was as a player.

**"I DIDN'T RATE YOU
AS A PLAYER, I
DON'T RATE YOU AS
A MANAGER AND I
DON'T RATE YOU AS
A PERSON"**



Paddington



Paddington was found in the amazonrainforest by two other Bears. When padintons unclodied his aunt Lucy put him on a shipment Boat to London. His aunt Lucy gave him a briefcasefull of marmalade, a hat, a coat and a title tag around his neck that said "please look after this bear". When he arrived in London he was found in Paddington station by the brown family. Mrs brown wanted to help but Mr brown wasn't very eager. But in the end they brought him home and never looked back. Through all of the chalanges and adventure Paddington faces the brown family are always by his side.



Padington was created in 1958 by a man named Michal Bond during WW2. The original name of the book was "a bear ccalled paddington" and it was inspired by Jewish refugees in London. The book was written in only ten days! In the 1970s here was a stop mostion TV made about padinginton and it was ubished to the BBC. In 2014 the first Padington movie was made! After the suces of the first movie two other movies where made to further the adventures of Paddington's. And most recently Paddington has been made into a highly awarded west end musical!

Paddington has met many celebrities.

Paddington has met many of Trish royal family.

He has met with the late Queen of England Elizabeth the third. They met for tea on June 4th 2022 to kick off the queens platinum jubilee. As they were enjoying their tea they realized they were missing something... A marmalade sandwich!

They shared the sandwich and Paddington thanked the queen for everything she has done. *strongly believe that*
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SCREAM : FANS TAKING IT TOO FAR



You may think that the iconic slasher movie Scream is a work of fiction but sadly this story was some ones reality.

The movie follows a 17 year old girl named Sidney Prescott, whose mother was murdered just a year before. As the anniversary of her mother's death comes along, Sidney and her friends start receiving horrifying phone calls from a man named Ghost Face. Ghost Face commonly asked the question "what's your favourite scary movie?" to scare his victim before attempting to murder them.

In September 2006, Cassie Jo Stoddart was brutally murdered by two of her classmates. Torey Adamcik, Brian Draper, and Cassie Jo Stoddart had just finished watching the original Scream movie. Later, the friends said goodbye to each other, but Cassie didn't know she would see the boys very soon.



Torey Adamcik and Brian Draper acted like they left Cassie's house and started playing with the electrical box in the basement to scare Cassie. Then, the boys went down to where Cassie was sitting and brutally stabbed her to death with a knife. Their goal was to recreate a classic scream murder and get away with it. Little did they know that wouldn't be the case.

The two boys spent the days leading up to the murder documenting what they were going to do, how they where going to do it and, who they would do it to. They filmed themselves talking about each thing and they even videoed Cassie only hours before they would kill her. As the boys drove to Cassie's house they filmed themselves saying "we are going to make history" and "we have found our victim and as sad as it may be, she is our friend".

On the 27th of September 2006, Torey Adamcik and Brian Draper were charged with conspiracy to

murder. At the site, they burnt all of the weapons and clothes they used during the murder as well as a VHS tape that the police eventually recovered. On the tape we're videos of the two planing the murder. Both teens were convicted of first-degree murder, with Brain Draper convicted on April 17, 2007 and Torey Adamcik on June 8, 2007. August 31, 2007, each received a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, plus thirty years-to-life for being convicted of conspiracy to commit murder.

In the not-so-wise words of the original Ghost Face Billy Lomis "What's the best way to make a horror movie? You can't just be gory. You gotta have suspense."

By Sarah Louise Jones

Is the bbc setting up innocent people for failure?

Actor Robert Aaramayo won best actor for his part as John Davidson in the movie 'I Swear'. The movie 'I Swear' follows the life of John, a Scottish man with tourettes, and how he copes with his condition.

You may be asking yourself "who came up with this idea?" Well, it's actually a true story! John Davidson is a real person and even became a campaigner for Tourette's syndrome so he could educate more people on the severity of his condition.

Tourette's syndrome is a nervous system disorder. Tourette's causes sudden and involuntary movements or sounds. These involuntary movements and sounds are known as "tics". Tics can be something as simple as blinking, whistling or jumping. However, sometimes tics can become more severe and cause more harm such as hitting yourself and saying mean things you don't mean. Many people who are uneducated about the topic of tourettes think that tics are just cursing which is not true. There is a certain type of Tourette's known as coprolalia that is involuntary swearing but only 10-15% of people with Tourette's have coprolalia.

John Davidson is part of the 10-15% of people in the world with Tourette's who has coprolalia. He can't control what he says sometimes and sadly at the BAFTAs this year while supporting his friend Robert who won the best actor award for the movie about his life he shouted a racial slur while Michael B Jordan and Delroy Lindo, 2 men of colour were presenting an award. This outburst really upset John because he didn't mean to say that word, it was just a tic. Once he realised that Michael B Jordan and Delroy Lindo had heard him he felt very embarrassed and left. Michael B Jordan and Delroy Lindo were not told that the racist comment they heard was actually a tic so they were obviously upset over what they had heard. They said that if they were told after coming off stage that what they heard was a tic it wouldn't have been as hurtful.

John Davidson stated in an interview with "The Variety" that the BBC said they had time to edit out any tics that could have been audible during the show so the public wouldn't hear him. He recalled that there was a microphone placed quite near him after the awards and that's where his tic was picked up from. The BBC had 2 hours to edit out any comments or tics that could be heard so the public couldn't hear them. They edited out things such as "Free Palestine" and other political statements. But why didn't they edit out this tic? Why did they promise John that anything that could be heard would be edited out before the public got to hear it? Why did the BBC make false promises?

Mere moments after the BAFTAs was aired and people heard John's tic, people immediately flooded social media sharing their opinions about the situation. They questioned whether this was not actually a tic or if John should apologise for what he said. The comment sections of these videos got heated very fast. Many people questioned why this word was in his vocabulary? When someone with Tourette's hears a word once it automatically can become a tic. Many people made very ableist comments suggesting that John should not have been allowed to attend the BAFTAs because of these tics. But why should he have to pay for something that he can't control?

In my opinion I believe that John shouldn't have to apologise to the media for his actions. He can't control what he says. The point of the movie "I Swear" is teaching people that you don't have to apologise for having Tourette's. I think it's difficult to ignore the meaning behind the word he said because it has such a deep and dark history. At the end of the day precautions were put into place but not used correctly and now people have a bad perception of people with Tourette's and John Davidson. So yes, I believe that the BBC are setting innocent people up for failure.

By Sarah Louise Jones

SPLATOON





Splatoon 2



By Caelan Smullen

Splatoon is a game involving squids and getting as much ink around the map as possible. You play as a child that can turn into a squid when touching your colour paint. You start with a weapon of choice which sprays ink around the map.

What you actually do

You start with two teams of four trying to get as much paint across the map as possible. The game lasts three minutes. This game mode is called Turf war.

You shoot ink to achieve

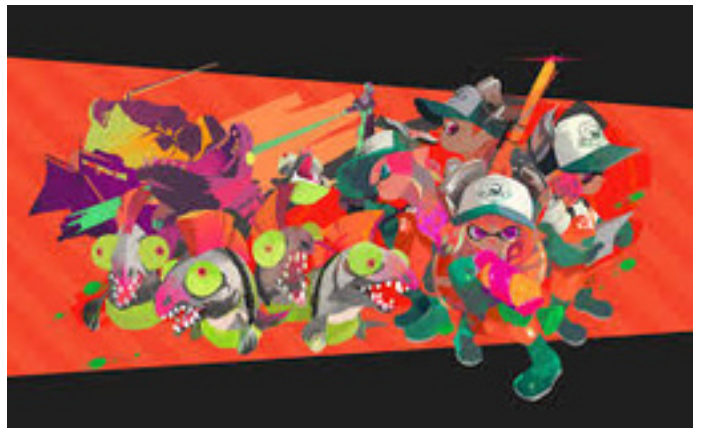
- Paint the whole map
- Move across the map quicker
- Block enemy movement
- To take out your opponents

Weapons

There are lots of different weapons in the map but the most effective are

- Shooters
- Rollers
- Chargers
- Brushes

Each weapon has special powers like summoning a ink tornado, Firing Ink missiles and being temporarily invincible for a certain amount of time.



Fortnite

The nostalgia surrounding early *Fortnite* (often referred to as "OG Fortnite," specifically Chapters 1 and early 2) is driven by a combination of simpler, less competitive gameplay, iconic map locations, and the game's status as a 2017–2019 cultural phenomenon. The emotional response to returning to these, or "OG," elements is a mix of longing for a simpler time, memories of shared experiences with friends, and the thrill of a less "sweaty" or intense, chaotic gameplay style.

Here is a breakdown of why early Fortnite brings back such strong memories:

1. The "Simple" Era and Gameplay

- **Reduced Complexity:** Early, or OG, Fortnite featured a more basic arsenal, fewer mobility items, and less intense, faster-paced building mechanics than modern, faster seasons.
- **"Goofy" and Experimental:** The game was defined by its lighthearted, non-serious nature. Strategies were more experimental, such as using shopping carts, sky-basing, or simply goofing around with friends.
- **Lower Skill Ceiling:** Before "sweaty" (highly competitive) play dominated, players could win or have fun without having to master complex building techniques, allowing for a more casual experience.

2. The Original Map and Locations

- **Iconic POIs:** Locations like Tilted Towers, Pleasant Park, Retail Row, Dusty Depot, and Loot Lake are deeply tied to specific memories, such as the chaotic, early-game fights at Tilted or the first time seeing the map change.
- **The "Old Map" Feel:** The original Chapter 1 map was smaller, tighter, and more recognizable, creating a sense of familiarity that players felt they lost when the map evolved.

3. A Cultural Moment and Shared Experience

- **Universal Popularity:** In 2017–2018, the game was a shared cultural moment, with everyone from friends to streamers and celebrities playing.
- **Memme's peak popularity.**
- **Streamer Culture:** The rise of creators like Ninja and Tfue, who showcased the game's fun, made it a central hub for gaming culture, with viewers frequently joining in to play.
- **es and Music:** The original lobby music, specific emotes (like the "Floss" or "Take the L"), and viral dances are instantly nostalgic, triggering memories of the gam

Lockdown

The feeling of comfort in the lockdown or rushing to finish your work just to play fortnite and its 2 degrees out and your mam is at work and all your friends are playing the game is a feeling that you could never replicate with the amount of fun i had during that period the games all the amount of times I didn't do my school work and just played the game and it gives a sense of warmth of comfort and gives a sense of nasrata .

By Donnacha Lynch

Grown ups review by Donnacha Lynch

***Ups* is a 2010 comedy directed by Dennis Dugan and starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade, and Rob Schneider. The film follows five childhood friends who reunite after their basketball coach passes away. They meet with their families at a lakeside house to spend the Fourth of July weekend together, where they reconnect and relive old memories.**

The movie mainly focuses on friendship, family, and how people change as they grow older. Each character has a different personality and lifestyle, which creates many funny situations throughout the film. For example, Lenny (Adam Sandler) is a successful Hollywood agent who brings his family back to his hometown, while Eric (Kevin James) struggles with work and family life. Their differences often lead to humorous arguments and playful competition.

One of the strongest parts of *Grown Ups* is the chemistry between the main actors. Because many of them are real-life friends and experienced comedians, their jokes and interactions feel natural and entertaining. The movie includes many comedic scenes, such as childhood games, silly challenges, and awkward family moments that are meant to make the audience laugh.

However, the film also received criticism for having a simple storyline and relying heavily on basic humor rather than a deep plot. Some viewers may feel that the jokes are repetitive or immature. Despite this, the movie can still be enjoyable for people who like light-hearted comedies and movies about friendship.

Overall, *Grown Ups* is a fun and easy-to-watch comedy that focuses more on humor and friendship than on storytelling. While it may not be a critically acclaimed film, it succeeds in providing laughs and reminding viewers about the importance of staying connected with old friends.



Junior Football GAA game

{Dublin football final schools}

PCS faced Ard Scoil Rís in the Dublin Junior football final to hopefully win a trophy and get Leinster and progress on further. PCS had already beaten them in the group stage before by about 10 points so the stakes were very high and tense.

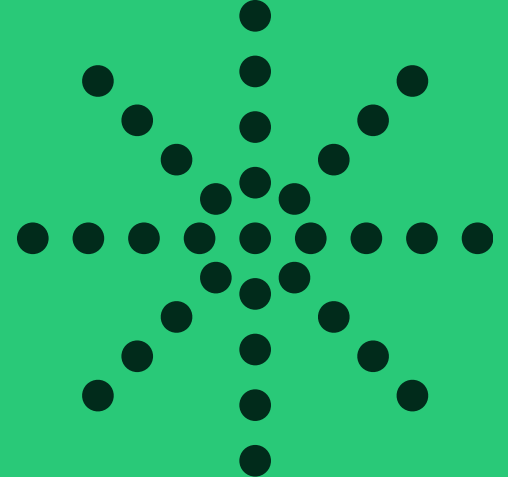
Everyone got in and in the Portmarnock dressing room it was all vibes, the music was going and the gear was on. Meanwhile the opposition walked in as cool as ice and looked like they wanted to win, I had a quick word with one of the teachers/coaches and he said the “lads are gunning to get back at them,” and he didn't seem the most serious to me but was I wrong. I went out before the lads and watched them come out, Portmarnock came out first then the opposition.

Once the both teams started the warm up it became way more intense the lads now finally looked ready and the coaches too,, fans from both school started to fill up in the grounds of DCU sport department. The match started and the ref tossed the ball in the air and Ardscoil Rís won the toss but the ball was then won back by midfielder Darragh Fay. The first half was fairly poor and not much happened and at half time it was a level game.

The coach Mr black said at half time to keep the ball and for the backs to move it up quick into the half forward line, second half ball was then won by pcs and about 10 minutes in Ardscoil Rís were dominated and you could really tell who wanted it more and was clear the revenge was in mind.

The final whistle went and Ardscoil Rís were champions and pcs were devastated. Overall the game was poor not much going for it, My personal player of the match had to be Ben Mcdonald as all his runs up the line were class and his belief was there. An amazing campaign was unreal and I really enjoyed coming along to do the photography.

Limerick vs Dublin 2025



The all Ireland senior hurling quarter final was contested between Dublin and Limerick. The game was the first game played as a double header in Croke Park later on that evening with the footballers playing Cork in the afternoon. To get to this stage of the competition Dublin had finished 3rd in the Leinster and beat Kildare ,the Joe Mcdonagh cup winners, two weeks prior in the preliminary quarter final. Limerick on the other hand lost the munster finals on penalties to cork in an amazing game.



Limerick were heavy favourites going into the match coming off the back of winning 4 out of the previous 5

All Irelands and reaching the semi finals every year since 2018. The match started off very evenly with the teams trading scores with Conor burke nailing a long range effort to put the dubs infront in the 7th minute. Limerick got scores quickly though going 7-5 up after 13 minutes before arguably the biggest moment of the match. In the 14th minute Chris Chrummey the dublin captain was sent off for a high shoulder tackle to gearoid hegarty. It was a major talking point of the game and thought to be a denting moment for the dubs. They didnt let this effect them though as they regained the lead in the 22nd minute through a fine cian o sullivan point going 9-8 up. Dublin continued their unexpected dominance throughout the first half going 5 points clear at one stage. At half time it was Dublin who led Limerick 15 points to 12.

Dublin started the second half exactly where they left off. Conor Burke with another monster score from the middle of the

field. Limerick hit their purple patch around the 50 minute mark. Adam English with a big score giving limerick the lead for the first time in the game since the 22nd minute. The following minute was the most chaotic of the entire game. A John Hetherton goal in the 52nd minute erupted hill 16. An amazing goal on the end line into the roof of the net left nickie quade in goals no chance what so ever. From the puck out, a ball was sent in high towards Aaron Gillane. Out of nowhere Dublin full back paddy smith climbed up his back and plucked it out of the sky. They moved ball quickly and sent a long ball into Hedgo who palmed it down for cian o sullivan who rattled the back of the Limerick net making it 2-18 to 19 points. Both teams tagged on more scores before a game saving stop from Sean Brennan on Aaron Gillane from point blank range saved the Dublin men and gave them even more of a boost. Conor Burke a man who had the game of his life got another hugely important score giving them a 3 point lead again in the dying moments. In the 66th minute Gearoid Hegarty struck an amazing point closing the gap to a single point. Is this it for Dublin? Can they hold out? The tension inside croke park was unbearable for some. Dublin needed a response and Brian Hayes delivered extending the lead. It came down the last puck of the game a 21 yard free for limerick. Diarmuid burns stepped up and it was stopped on the line. John Hetherton cleared the ball and it came to Adam English who tried to deliver it into the square but he put to much on it. That was it Dublin had won. They had beaten Limerick against all the odds a historic day not only for Dublin Hurling but Hurling in



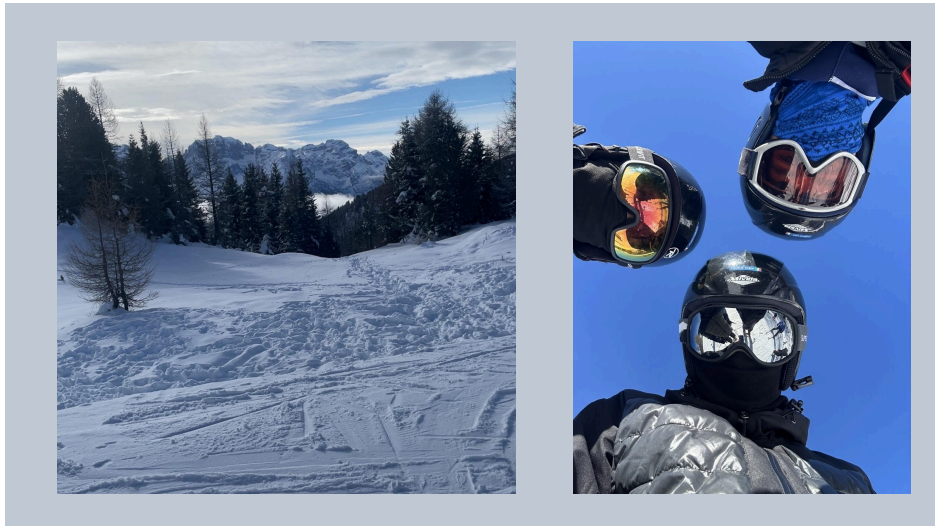
What my Hurl Means to Me

My hurl is a really important object to me because I use my hurl everyday and I love hurling. Hurling is a great sport, there's a big learning curve as the game is filled with skills and it's a very fast paced game, you can't take your eye off the ball. Hurling is one of the most skillful and quickest games in the world. In my opinion it's the best sport to watch. Even if a team is winning, the other team can still come back in seconds.

In my opinion, a Torpey is the best hurl around. It's durable, strong and fast. You will never have to worry about breaking a hurl when you have a Torpey. It adds distance and power to your strike when playing hurling. My best memory with my torpey is playing Skerries at home on Pitch 3. This was one of my best games during the u16s. I captained my team to a great win against skerries. I played wing back, which is probably my favourite position to play, because you get a lot of the ball. You are contesting for puck outs for my own team and the opposition team. This game will stay in my memories for a long time for one reason, the ref was asked by the Dublin county board to look out for players to put them forward for Dublin minor trials and he chose me and one of the other lads on the team. I was excited because I always dreamed of getting Dublin minor trials for hurling. For months after that I would spend hours at the hurling wall trying to improve my strike and my first touch. I'd also go to the pitch and practice my frees and shooting from distance. Overall it helped me to improve my hurling massively and made me enjoy hurling a lot more. Thanks for reading my article.

By Brian McIntyre





Here is a photo from our schools TY ski trip back in February. The students had a great time and made some great memories with their friends and even their teachers!





By Molly W and Molly O’C

At its core, the film “I Swear” is about living with a misunderstood condition, Tourette's syndrome, and trying to be accepted. It is a *true story* about a man called “John Davidson” navigating daily life while dealing with Tourette’s, showing how it affects his identity and relationships with everyone around him. The movie explores empathy and resilience. Its message is that people are more than their conditions, and understanding others requires patience and compassion. He meets a lady called “Dottie” who understands him and helps him to understand himself. Much of the emotional struggle like internal frustration, isolation, and the desire to be seen as normal is implied through amazing acting and directing rather than being directly expressed, highlighting how hard it is for others to fully understand his experience. It’s aimed at teen and adult viewers who are interested in social issues and personal stories, especially those open to learning about neurological conditions and humanizing perspectives.

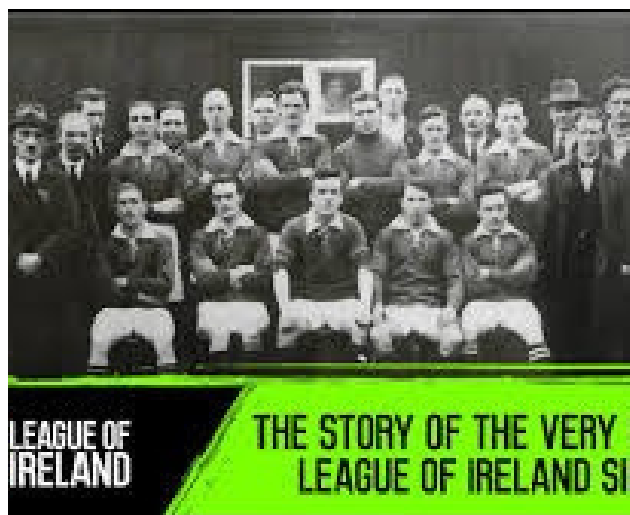
It was created to raise awareness about Tourette’s syndrome, while telling a personal story that helps people living with the condition to be recognized. It aims to make the audience feel empathy, question their assumptions, and be more understanding and patient toward people with the condition. Yes I think the movie does succeed its purpose because it uses a personal story to make

the condition relatable. By showing both struggles and humanity, it helps audiences connect emotionally rather than just learn facts.

History of Irish Football

Introduction: John McAleery, after seeing a game on honeymoon in Scotland, brought association football to Ireland, with the first exhibition match held in Belfast in 1878.

Clubs and Leagues:
Cliftonville was founded in 1879, and in 1890, the Irish Football League was established, initially for the whole island but dominated by Belfast clubs.



1990 FIFA World Cup: During the 1990 FIFA World Cup Ireland drew to the Netherlands 1 - 1, drew to Egypt 0 - 0 which qualified us to the round of 16 where we beat Romania 5-4 on pens then we lost to Italy the hosts 1 - 0 in the quarter finals.

Formation of the FAI:
In 1921, southern clubs and associations formed the Football Association of Ireland.

International Play:
Ireland played its first international match against England in 1882.

Divergent Loyalties: The creation of the Irish Free State in 1922 and subsequent political divisions led to a sporting split.



OSCARS



Academy Awards 2026

The 98th Academy Awards took place on March 15th 2026 at the renowned Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. The global film industry gathered to honour the year's most outstanding achievements in cinema. The red carpet showcased sleek and structured fashion trends and for the very first time it was held within the Ovation Hollywood Mall which provided weather protection and fan views. Sleek silhouettes and bold fashion statements were some of the key trends with standout looks from Zendaya and Teyana Taylor. Nicole Kidman in Chanel Haute Couture and Kate Hudson in a custom jade green Giorgio Armani Privé gown also drew attention for their fashion choices. Menswear saw mixed, stylish options.



The legendary award ceremony was hosted by Conan O'Brien who was widely praised for his hosting job. Critics described his performance as professional and consistently funny with viewers appreciating his lighthearted comedic approach to the ceremony. Red carpet coverage began at 11pm and the ceremony started at midnight Irish time.

There were awards presented in 24 categories to honour films released in 2025. This year the "Best achievement in casting" category was introduced for the first time. The following awards were the most exciting and prestigious awards at the Oscars. The first award presented at the Oscars 2026 was Best Supporting Actress. The award was presented by Zoe Saldaña and was won by 75 year old Amy Madigan for her outstanding performance in the supernatural thriller "Weapons", 40 years after her last nomination.

Next came the Best Animated feature which was presented by Will Arnett and Channing Tatum, the duo brought some energy to the early part of the ceremony before handing the Oscar over to the directors of KPop Demon Hunters. The Netflix film was praised for its energetic performance. Best supporting actor was presented by Kieran Culkin. The award went to Sean Penn for his role as Colonel Steven J. Lockjaw in One Battle After Another. Sadly, Penn was absent and was not there to accept his third academy award. Culkin happily accepted the award on behalf of Penn.



Best adapted and original screenplay was presented by Robert Downey Jr and Chris Evans. The “Marvel reunion” was a special part of the night as the two actors presented both screenplay categories. The best adapted screenplay award went to Paul Thomas Anderson for One battle after another. This was a major moment as it was his first ever Oscar win after 14 nominations. Directly after the pair presented the best original screenplay award and that was won by Ryan Coogler for Sinners.



Best actress was presented by Mikey Madison, she presented the award to Jessie Buckley for her performance as Agnes in Hamnet. Buckley's win was one of the most celebrated; it was a historic moment as she became the first Irish woman to win the Academy Award for Best Actress.

Best actor was presented by Adrien Brody, the Oscar went to Michael B Jordan for his role as twins in Ryan Coogler's, Sinners. He paid tribute to Black actors who paved the way for him in a deeply moving memorable acceptance speech.



The best director was presented by Zendaya and Robert Pattinson. The Oscar was given to Paul Thomas Anderson for One Battle after Another after 14 previous career nominations. He famously said “they make a guy work hard for these”. The final award that night was Best Picture which was presented by Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. The Oscar was given to One Battle After Another, the film's producers accepted the award alongside the cast.



In conclusion Paul Thomas Anderson's One Battle After Another clearly dominated, taking home six Oscars to become the biggest winner. We also witnessed history as Jessie Buckley became the first Irish woman to win Best Actress, and Cassandra Kulukundis received the first Oscar for Best Casting for One Battle After Another.

by Kate Moore

The 15 Minute City

The 15 minute city is the idea that you would be able to get anywhere you want in your city in 15 minutes or less. This is an idea for every city in the world but in this case I am talking about Dublin City. It is the idea of transforming urban life by reducing traffic, pollution, and commute stress, while enhancing the sense of community around the city, also improving health for locals and improving the environment.

Talks about this have been going on for sometime now with it being throughout the news and on radios and podcasts. I recently listened to the podcast “The allure of the 15 minute city” on Talking Stock on Spotify and newstalk with Susan HayesCulliton. She was joined by Aitor Hernandez Rallies, a journalist based in Berlin who spoke about how other cities like Paris and Barcelona have been trying to implement this idea into their city.

This is essentially to revive neighbourhoods and go back to some of the ways cities transport was run back in the 1950's, when streets weren't made for cars and when most people walked, cycled or got public transport everywhere. People wouldn't have to travel far to get their fundamental needs met and they didn't need to get a car every time they needed to go to the shops for some bread and milk because all their essentials were within a reasonable distance from their houses. It is also to help community building through public interactions and to make the area a more friendly and safe place to live.

Super blocks are also something mentioned a lot in this topic. Super blocks are basically a cluster of streets, and other facilities that are all in proximity, so that people that live will have all their daily necessities walking distance. These super blocks have been implemented in cities like Portland, Cleveland and Shanghai. But how do the people feel about studies from surveys or even just the locals themselves have said



that is blocks are buildings close in that area within blocks have Barcelona,

this? Well reports from that it has

had a positive impact on them. A lot of the locals initial thoughts on the

super blocks were not one hundred percent positive with even threats to sue the government from business owners because they thought it meant they would be getting less customers. But since then the locals have backtracked on their initial thoughts and have lots of positive feedback.

So what are some ways we could help make Dublin city a “15 minute city” or at least a faster, safer and a more environmentally friendly city? There are lots of ways, in fact there are some that we are already doing but just maybe not implementing them in the right ways or in the right places. For example there is an online shopping delivery scheme going on at the moment in Blanchardstown and other towns where you can order something online and a drone would deliver it straight to your door step. This creates less traffic as there wouldn't be as many cars on the streets going to the shops.

Another way I think we could make the city quicker is with an underground or a metro. If you have been to New York or London you

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likely have been on the before and will know how to get around the city. something I think could extremely beneficial for Dublin. It is something take years and years to isn't something that you

could just whip up in a couple months. The London underground cost over £20 billion to make and 21 years to fully build and develop. But in saying that there would be thousands less cars on the streets and the city would be much less crowded.

I think that the government should also put in place more public bikes around the city and also schemes to encourage Studies show that over 11% use bicycles for their trips only around 4% because that it is just quicker should also add more



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This is Fred. He is born on March 5th, 1993. He is a former Manchester United player and plays for the Brazilian national team. He was in the small town in Brazil, Belo Horizonte.

Fred's early career



Fred started his early career at the Brazilian club Internacional at the age of 17. He played for the club 55 times providing 8 goals for the club. Many famous

names played for that club such as Oscar(Midfielder) and Allison Becker(Goalkeeper).

Shakhtar Donetsk



He signed for Shakhtar Donetsk on the 26th of June, 2013 for a fee of \$15 million euros. On his debut he scored 2 goals in a 3:1 victory over Chornomorets. Over all his time in Turkey, he managed to get a total of 15 goals and 15 assists.

Manchester United



On June 5th, 2018 Manchester United reached an agreement to sign Fred from Shakhtar Donetsk for a fee around \$50 million Great British Pounds. Fred agreed a 5-year deal with an option for an additional year. He shared an iconic midfield duo with Scotsman Scott McTominay which was given the nickname "Mcfred". He scored 14 goals and 11 assists for the Reds. On December 20th he was given an extra 2-year deal to stay at the

Reds. On the 13th of August 2023 Turkish club fernebache announced the signing of fred from manchester united for \$10 million.

THE FUTURE OF FASHION



My coat was soaking and I went to put it on the radiator because I can only wear that coat in school and I needed it for the next day. By the morning my coat was still damp and I wore it to school and then my uniform got wet and it made me feel really uncomfortable. If I had a choice between the coats I could wear then I would not have had a problem in school the day after but we only have the choice to wear the school coat in school. Secondly, I think we already have a uniform and a tracksuit so I think people are aware enough that we are enrolled in this school. I don't think we need a coat specially made for school purpose. Most students who go here never wear their coat outside of school grounds so I think it is useless when students leave the school. I think we represent the school in our school uniform and I again strongly believe that we should have a choice in

WHY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEAR OUR OWN COATS

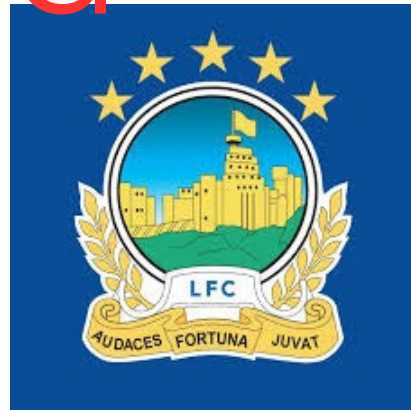
Firstly, we only have 3 options of coats to wear in school: a boys and girls coat and we have a newly introduced woolly type coat. All 3 of these coats have the same problem, the hoods! The hoods on all 3 of these waterproof raincoats is beyond a joke. Rainwater easily seeps through the hood and wets the students' hair. I have heard multiple people complaining about the hood of the coats and I completely agree with them. The fact that we live in a country like Ireland in a town near a beach we usually experience rainfall all year around, so for the school to provide hoods that are not very durable I think is wrong. There was one time recently when it was just lashing rain when everyone was leaving to go home and I had the school coat on. I was trying to get home in the rain because my house is relatively near the school. I had my hood up and everything. By the time I got in the door I was drenched from head to toe in rain. My hair looked like I had just gotten out of the shower and there was water dripping off of it, proving how poor the quality of the school coat was. My coat was soaking and I went to put it on the radiator because I can only wear that coat in school and I needed it for the next day. By the morning my coat was still damp and I wore it to school and then my uniform got wet and it made me feel really uncomfortable. If I had a choice between the coats I could wear then I would not have had a problem in school the day after but we only have the choice to wear the school coat in school.

what coat we wear to our school. Students do not even wear their school coats in class too often as our school is nicely heated and people find the coat very warm inside the building. Even without the coat you could tell we are enrolled because of our bottoms. ~~Our tracksuit bottoms~~ has a Portmarnock Community School crest on it so it is fairly obvious to tell that we are enrolled in the school.

Lastly, the cost. The school coat that students mainly only wear inside the school building costs an extra 54 quid. A coat you could wear anywhere could cost

maybe just double that, and can actually have waterproof hoods and are made out of better more durable materials.

Shelbourne VS Linfield



The first time Shelbourne played Linfield last year was a really big moment for both clubs. It happened in the qualifying of the UEFA Europa Conference League, which made it even more exciting because it wasn't just a normal match. It actually meant something important. A lot of fans were talking about it because it was rare to see these two famous clubs face each other in Europe.

The first leg was played at Tolka Park in Dublin, which is Shelbourne's home ground. The atmosphere looked amazing. The stands were full of red and you could tell the fans were loud from the very beginning. It didn't feel like an ordinary league game. It felt tense and important. Both teams started a bit carefully, probably because they didn't want to make a mistake in such a big match.

The midfield battle was really intense. Players were tackling hard and fighting for every ball. It wasn't the most beautiful ever, but it was exciting because both sides were giving everything. Shelbourne managed to score, and when they did, the stadium went crazy. The fans were jumping and shouting, and it must have been an incredible feeling to be there. That goal gave Shelbourne a 1-0 win in the first leg, which was a huge advantage.

The second leg was at Windsor Park in Belfast, home of Linfield F.C.. This time it was Linfield's fans making all the noise. The stadium was full of blue, and you could tell they believed their team could turn the tie around. Linfield came out strong and was more attacking, trying to put Shelbourne under pressure early on.

Shelbourne had to defend really well. Their goalkeeper made important saves, and the defenders stayed focused throughout the game. Both teams scored in the second leg, which made it even more dramatic. Every time the ball went near the goal, the crowd reacted loudly. In the last few minutes, Linfield pushed hard for another goal, but Shelbourne held on.

When the final whistle blew, Shelbourne had won 2-1 on aggregate. The players celebrated like they had won a trophy. For the fans, it probably felt just as special. Beating a strong team like Linfield in Europe was a big achievement. I think that first meeting last year will always be remembered. It wasn't just about the score. It was about pride, rivalry, and showing what both clubs are capable of. Even though it was only two games, it felt like something much bigger and more important.



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