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Calling all homeowners!

Are you interested in the furniture, flooring, curtains and doors it takes to turn your house into a cosy home?

Or are you an enthusiastic gardener? Do you want to find out more about the flowerbeds, hedges and vegetable plots that could transform your patch of earth into a beautiful garden?

If so, you are in for quite a treat at the Midlands Home and Garden Festival from 11th to 13th

June. Held in the stunning grounds of Belvedere House, Gardens and Park; this festival is a wonderful showcase of all that's attractive, exciting and innovative about modern-day interior decoration and landscape gardening.

Over the course of the three days, you can expect to be informed, impressed and entertained by the sheer range of top-quality products, expert services and helpful advice on offer. There will be more



Meet Dermot O'Neill at Midlands Home & Garden Festival at Belvedere House this Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11-13th June.

They can play games of laser tag, bouncing castles and face painting. They can also take part in arts and crafts workshops and lots more. Tickets for this fabulous event are €10 per person with free admission for children. So, why not bring the entire family?

The Midlands Home and Garden Festival truly is for everyone. Homeowners will be inspired by the exceptional selection of products and services on display. Amateur gardeners will be delighted by the expert advice available and spectacular show gardens. Everyone will enjoy the relaxed, friendly atmosphere. And they will most definitely be impressed by the stunning setting of Belvedere House. Glorious surroundings, a family-friendly atmosphere and all the expertise you need to transform your house into your home sweet home, you'll find it all at the Midlands Home and Garden Festival, Belvedere House Gardens & Park, just 4km from Mullingar on the Tullamore Road (N52).

For further details contact Alan Collins (087) 2562788.

MIDLANDS HOME & GARDEN FESTIVAL

Friday 11th June, 2 - 8 pm
 Saturday 12th June, 11 am - 6 pm
 Sunday 13th June, 11 am - 6 pm

At Belvedere House, Gardens & Park, Mullingar

than 200 exhibitors at the event, each displaying interesting household or gardening items. Gardening experts, including own master gardener John Symth will be on hand to give tips and to share his

green-fingered wisdom. Free seminars on all sorts of topics, from renewable energy to gardening to bee-keeping, will be held during the festival. You will also have the opportunity to purchase all

kinds of products at very reasonable – and maybe even discounted – prices. You will have fun at the festival too. Enjoy our craft and design village, not to mention the scrumptious 'Taste of the

Midlands' food produce, or go on a bird-watching walk in the woods! There are many different kinds of entertainment and games on offer for the kids. There will be a children's playground.

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Eoin Curran, PE Teacher at Coláiste Mhuire, Ballygar, with rugby legend Mick Galwey, Enda Naughton, winner of Connacht Schools Javelin Competition and his dad Sean Naughton.

Galwey in Ballygar

When students at Coláiste Mhuire heard a few months ago that the famous Mick Galwey would make a visit to our school they really couldn't contain themselves. Pat O'Gorman, Principal of Killyan NS, had promised that he would ensure that Mick Galwey, the Shannon RFC, Munster, Ireland, Lions and Barbarians player could make himself available to take a coaching session and also talk to a full school assembly. On Thursday last, 20th May, this promise was fulfilled and one PE teacher's dream of meeting a hero came true. Mick Galwey arrived at 2.30 pm and took a skills session with all the first, second, and fourth year rugby players. He then proceeded to give a fantastic talk to the whole school assembly.

The entire group was glued to every word Mick Galwey had to say as he recounted some of his life experiences as a professional rugby player. After the talk and photography Mick Galwey was treated to some food and refreshments at Tierney's, Ballygar. Principal Stephen Reilly, PE teacher Owen Curren and the entire staff and student body this week thanked Mick Galwey for travelling all the way up from his home town of Kilkenny to visit the school. They also thanked Pat O'Gorman who made this special visit possible. If it were not for Pat's friendship with Mick Galwey and his love and desire to see rugby thrive in the Ballygar area the event would not have taken place.