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### Ballymurray Bridge

The following are the results for Ballymurray Bridge for 8th March. North South: 1st K. Corcoran and A. Shine; 2nd C. Tully and P. Lyons; 3rd K. Jones and J. Devaney and D. Cox and K. Walshe. East West: 1st B. Weir and P. Piersie; 2nd B. Jones and R. McDermott; 3rd J. O'Gara and G. Bannon.



**Ballintubber walk raises over €43,000**

Organisers of the GOAL Walk in Ballintubber for victims of the earthquake in Haiti this week thanked all participants, sponsors and donors who supported the walk on January 24th.

A special thank you was issued to Co. Roscommon Civil Defence, Garda Siochána, Castlelea Brass and Reed Band and Benny O'Connell and all volunteers who assisted on the day.

A total of €43,761.59 was raised for the Ballintubber GOAL Walk for Haiti earthquake victims. The official cheque presentation will take place in Ballintubber in the next few weeks.



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### Three arrested at Dublin Airport

Gardaí investigating a robbery at a jewellery shop in Athlone on the 6th of March arrested three men on Wednesday, March 10th. The three men, one of whom is in his 30s and two in their 20s, were arrested at 2.30 pm at Dublin Airport. They were taken to Athlone Garda Station, where they were detained under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act 1939.



Joe Cassidy from Oran won the senior singing competition at Scór last week and will now be representing Roscommon in the Connacht final, which will take place in Loughrea next Saturday evening. Left to right: Mark Lawless, secretary, Oran GAA, Cathy Cassidy, mother of Joe, Joe Cassidy, Peadar Brandon and Brendan McDermott, both Scór representatives from Oran.

## Open day at St. Hilda's School

Thursday, March 25th is an open day at St. Hilda's Special School, Grace Park Road, Athlone.

Time slots are available to visit the school between 10 am and 12 noon, between 1 pm and 2.30 pm and in the evening, between 6 pm and 8 pm. Visit the school, meet the pupils and staff. All are welcome.

St Hilda's Special School is centrally located on Grace Park Road in Athlone. The school caters for pupils aged between four and 18 years who are assessed with a moderate, severe or profound general learning disability. The school is under the patronage of St. Hilda's Services and is an integral part of the comprehensive training facilities provided by the St Hilda's organisation within a twenty-mile radius of Athlone. It is recognised by the Department of Education and Science as a Primary School. Pupils can be enrolled at any time during the school year if necessary.

The school curriculum concentrates on the individual, educational, social and emotional needs of each pupil. The curriculum is taken from the National Guidelines for pupils with a moderate, severe or profound intellectual disability in conjunction with the Primary School Curriculum. Subjects include language and

communication, maths, social, personal and health education, information technology, music, drama, physical education, social, environmental and scientific education, visual arts and it is proposed to have Fetac level one and two in September 2010 pending quality assurance certificate.

St Hilda's School utilises a variety of individual and group programmes including 'PECS' (Picture Exchange Communication System), 'LAMH' (Irish Signing System), 'Numicon' maths programme, 'Writing Without Tears', Sensory Integration programme and 'Tac Pac' contact and communication programme. Reading programmes include 'Wolf Hill', 'Live Wire' and 'Magic Emerald'. In association with Health Service Executive professionals, the school provides programmes in speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy and also works closely with the social and psychological services.

All classrooms are well resourced and equipped with computer, printers and internet facilities. A large assembly hall serves as a school gymnasium and general purpose room. Large interactive whiteboards provide excellent teaching and learning opportunities. The

school has a new multi-sensory room, which is extremely therapeutic for students with sensory processing disorders. The Occupational Therapy Department has excellent new equipment, which is essential to some students' needs and development. Students dine daily in a homely kitchen area, which also acts as a training facility for life skills e.g. washing dishes, setting tables, cookery, etc. Other new facilities include an all-weather pitch which hosts basketball, soccer, volleyball and tennis plus a well equipped playground.

An essential element of the school curriculum is the pupil's participation at cookery, IT, swimming, visual art therapy, music therapy and a comprehensive social skills programme. All students train and participate in Special Olympics programmes and the school specialise in athletics, gymnastics and swimming at area, regional, national and international level. A new development in the school's educational programme is its enrolment in FETAC at each pupil's individual level.

Finally the mission of St Hilda's School is to provide education appropriate to each child's needs - 'Real Education for Real Life'.

Contact St. Hilda's on (090) 64 75825 or email sthildas1@eircom.net



**St. Hilda's Special School**  
Grace Park Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath



**OPEN DAY**  
Thursday, 25th March 2010

Time Slots Available to Come Visit the School -  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Come and See Our School and Meet Our Pupils and Staff.  
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