



Na Fianna Nuacht

Adult Football League Sunday 26th May

AFL1
Templeogue Synges St V Na Fianna
Dolphin Park 10.30am

AFL2
Na Fianna V Whitehall Colmcille
Mobhi Road 10.30am

AFL4
Na Fianna v Skerries Harps
Collinstown 10.30am

AFL8
Na Fianna v Ballyboughal
Collinstown 12.00pm

AFL 10
O'Connell Boys v Na Fianna
Fairview Park 3pm

#NaFiannaAbu #HeartOfTheCommunity

Full fixture list on website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/> Best of luck to all teams, support welcome.

Saturday In Na Fianna

Both shops open today, Saturday 25th May. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer. The Na Fianna Nursery, in conjunction with Sherry Fitzgerald, takes centre stage from 9.20am. The ever helpful Coffee Cabin crew will be serving teas and coffees with their usual smile and anything you need to know about Na Fianna will be on hand at the Info Hub. Car owners are asked to please drive carefully and park responsibly. Illegally parked cars, i.e. cars parked on double yellow lines and in yellow boxes, will be clamped.





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Féile Girls Do Club Proud



Congrats to our U-14 Ladies Football teams who represented Na Fianna with pride at the weekend. Our Division 2 team made it all the way to Sunday's final and in a game of two halves, lost out narrowly to St Vincents. Huge thanks to all Na Fianna supporters who made the trip on Sunday to Fingallians to roar on our girls. Our Division 7 team were in St Monicas on Saturday for their group games where they gave an excellent account of themselves. Great credit due to both teams, their coaches and their families for a fantastic weekend of football and for flying the Na Fianna with pride and dignity.

2005 Ladies Football Division 2

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields GAA, 12th Lock, Lucan

Group: Na Fianna, Lucan Sarsfields, St. Vincents, Garristown

Saturday, 18th May 2019

Squad: Anna Smith, Lucy McGrath, Sophie Burke, Anna Power, Ellen Connolly, Molly Brockelsby, Aoife Flynn, Aoife Kearns, Caoimhe Ni Chellacain, Sadibh Hession, Susannah Patten, Nina Brennan, Keelin Corcoran, Keeva Ni Chasside, Muireann O'Donnchu, Nahia



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Conway, Ellie Jenkins, Holly O’Gorman, Anna Thorton, Sarah Fitzgerald, Naoise Koppel (2006), Abbie Cassidy (2006), Caragh Reynolds (2006)



Preparations began early for 2005 Girls in Lucan as they met for their Football Feile, hosted by Lucan Sarsfields. As always, Lucan were brilliant hosts and opened their clubhouse to the visiting teams, providing refreshments to players and supporters throughout the day. In advance of throw-in the excellent pitches resounded with ‘pop music’ (old person’s term) as NAF Base Camp was set up by the many volunteer parents and mentors. Face paint applied, hair platted, team talk and warm up completed, the girls faced old rivals / friends from St. Vincents.

The first half was end-to-end action with the St. Vincents keeper doing well to save from Muireaan O’Donnchu and Anna Thorton. Vinny’s were more economical in front of goal and scored 1-2 in the first 10 minutes. Na Fianna responded before half time with a point from Anna Thorton. Trailing by 4 points at half time would become a common theme throughout the day.

The girls rallied after the break, and a brilliant goal from Caoimhe Ni Chellacain gave the girls the momentum they needed. St Vins responded with a well taken point. Another Na Fianna goal quickly followed, scored by Muireann O’Donnchu, which left the girls leading by a single point with minutes remained. Some resolute defending from the girls, marshalled by



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Anna Smith in goal, kept St Vins at bay, however a free conceded in the final minute, was converted by St Vincents. The match ending in a draw (Na Fianna 2-1, St. Vincent's 1-4).



The girls second match against Lucan was now going to be the defining group match. Lucan were on top for much of the first half and led 2-1 to 0-0 approaching half time. However, just before the break Keeva Ni Chassisde scored a well taken goal, this was the boost the girls needed before the break, down by 4 points (again!!). Lucan ran out of steam in the second half and despite creating chances, failed to capitalise, shooting a number of wides. It was Na Fianna who came out stronger, goals from Muireann O'Donnchu, Ellie Jenkins and a point from Keeva Ni Chassisde put us in the driving seat. An insurance point from Muireann meant the defibrillator wasn't needed for parents, just yet !! Another great comeback, and great character shown by the girls (Na Fianna 3-2, Lucan Sarsfields 2-1).

The final group game was against a spirited Garristown team, however, as they had lost their previous matches, they were slightly deflated. A strong scoring performance saw the girls rack-up 3-8. Scorers were Keeva Ni Chassisde (1-3), Muireann O'Donnchu (1-1), Abbie Cassidy (1-0), Nina Brennan (0-1), Holly O'Gorman (0-1), Ellie Jenkins (0-1) and Susannah Patten (0-1). Final score was Na Fianna 3-8, Garristown 1-2. Topping the group with St. Vincents on points, Na Fianna's superior 'fewest points conceded' record meant we stayed in Lucan for our semi-final against Castleknock, while St Vincent's travelled for their match. The semi final followed the familiar pattern of earlier group games, with Castleknock starting the match strongly and leading by 1-2 to 0-0 after 12 minutes, there was a glimmer of hope



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for supporters as Susannah Patten pointed from a free just before the break. Yes, you guessed it, down by 4 points at half time. Castleknock were dominant after the break, however Na Fianna's defence were magnificent and held them out on many occasions. A point for Na Fianna from Keelin Corcoran followed by a goal from Keeva Ni Chassisde levelled the match. Castleknock then found their range with an excellent point, Na Fianna needed something special. To the supporters delight it came through another goal from Keeva Ni Casiade, NAF lead by 2 points. What followed was 5 minutes of sheering pain for supports and pure desire from the girls. In a scene from The Alamo, Na Fianna defended wave after wave of Castleknock goal-bound shots, where bodies were put on the line to retain the lead. To the delight of girls, mentors, parents and supporters the referee finally blew the whistle to signal a fantastic victory, Na Fianna 2-2, Castleknock 1-3. Exhausted but delighted, the girls were through to the final against St. Vincents in Fingallians on Sunday.

Sunday

With great support from across the club the girls lined out in the final against St. Vincents in Swords. Na Fianna got off to a great start with a goal from Muireann O'Donnchu on 4 minutes, St Vincents scored a point within the same minute. Great defending and attacking from both teams ensued over the next 10 minutes, however the scores didn't change, half time Na Fianna 1-0, St. Vincents 0-1. After the break the teams traded points, Na Fianna's score coming from a Susannah Patten free. However, it was St Vincents who began to stretch the lead and maintained the pressure on the Na Fianna goal. They scored another 3 points without reply and finished off with a goal to leave the final score. Na Fianna 1-1, St Vincents 1-5. Congratulations to St. Vincents, well done to our girls who were brilliant. It was a weekend to remember for all, the girls are a credit to the club and their families, they showed a superb attitude over both days and truly lived up to the club motto, 'strength in our limbs, purity our hearts, and actions according to our words.' This team is only going to improve, Feile is a stepping stone to many more exciting and successful campaigns. Huge thanks to the Mentors, Billy, Gearoid, Tony, Mary, Darren, Georgina, Gary, Ailbhe, Hannah and of course Nicky who coordinated both Feile Teams over the weekend. Also thanks to parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and everybody who supported the girls on their Feile journey.

Best of Luck next year to the 2006 Girls, we'll be there to support you!!



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2005 Ladies Football Division 7 Feile

Venue: St Monicas GAA, Edenmore

Group: Na Fianna, St Monicas, Fingallians, St Oliver Plunketts

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Squad: Sophie Mahon, Sarah Bannon, Aine Barrett, Grace Barton, Ciara Burgoyne, Niamh Davis, Isabelle Downey, Isabella Fallon, Catriona Feeney, Ava Fitzgerald, Kate Flemming, Anna May McCormack, Sarah McLoughlin, Orlaith Monaghan, Florence Mulligan, Joni Murphy, Natasha Spencer, Isabelle Foran, Ciara Gately, Lucy McEvoy (2006), Lucy Granville (2006), Holly Ann Gregan (2006), Maedhbh Larkin (2006), Emer Morgan (2006)

Fixtures/ Results

Na Fianna 1-2 v 2-2 St Monicas (Goals: Catriona; Points: Anna May McCormack, Sarah Bannon;)

Na Fianna 1-2 v 5-1 St Oliver Plunketts (Goals: Holly Ann Gregan; Points: Isabelle Downey; Catriona Burgoyne;)

Na Fianna 2-4 v 2-3 Fingallians (Goals: Isabelle Downey, Ava Fitzgerald; Points: Grace Barton; Sarah Bannon; Catriona Feeney; Ciara Gately)

Match Reports

Last Saturday (18th May) our U14 Ladies put their war paint on and headed to host club St Monicas in Edenmore for their Division 7 Feile. The sun was shining and it was all hands on deck from the start as parents, family and friends all mucked in to setup a fantastic Na Fianna base camp on site with an embarrassment of refreshments and flags and banners to support our girls. It was much needed as there was only limited access to the host club facilities due to a clash with Communion bookings.



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First up was St Monicas and with the host club choosing to play all their matches away from the clubhouse, at their juvenile pitch, Na Fianna support and players marched with pride as a team, behind the club banner through the streets of Edenmore to the Springdale road pitch.



The girls spoke with real purpose and excitement in their pre-match team huddle and the esprit de corps was evident as they took to the pitch. With the wind on their backs and the downhill advantage St Monicas got a great start with an early point from distance. Na Fianna responded well and following a number of near-miss efforts got their just rewards when Catriona Feeney scored a belter of a goal. Na Fianna continued to pile on the pressure and remained dominant in possession for the remainder of the half, but the wind and hill seemed to take its toll on their shooting accuracy. A free-in gave St Monicas another scoring opportunity and despite their efforts, at halftime Na Fianna were only up by a point. Na Fianna picked up in the second half where they had left off in the first, moving the ball with pace and style from defence to midfield to the full forwards where Joni Murphy and Sarah McLoughlin were right in the thick of the action. But with so much possession in front of St Monicas' goal, there was a sense that Na Fianna needed to get something out of this spell if we were going to come away with the win. And then a counter attack, against the run of play, resulted in a goal for St Monicas putting them 2 points ahead. Na Fianna kept their composure and responded with some hard fought points from Anna May McCormack and



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Sarah Bannon, to make it all square heading into final minutes. St Monicas had chances too but some brilliant goal keeping from Sophie Mahon and committed defending from Natasha Spencer, Aine Barrett, Lucy McEvoy and Lucy Granville kept the score level. Na Fianna now started to turn up the heat, the pace was intense and as St Monicas struggled to cope it did their best to disrupt momentum with some very suspect heavy contact tackling and tactics to regularly stop play. Following another promising Na Fianna attack a breaking ball was cleared by St Monicas up the pitch. Another counter attack and unfortunately, despite tenacious tackling and a suspicion of a 'steps' violation, St Monicas struck with a sucker punch late goal, again against the run of play that left Na Fianna no time to respond. Despite this initial loss, the team and supporters where upbeat, encouraged by the amount of opportunities the girls had created and a great motivational team talk from lead mentor Ronan McLoughlin stoked up the fire in their bellies for the next games!

Final Score: Na Fianna 1-2 v 2-2 St Monicas

St Oliver Plunketts were next and a relocation back to the clubhouse pitch was now needed which left our girls with little time to catch their breath and regroup. As a consequence, Na Fianna where caught a bit flat footed from the start and suffered at the hands (or boots!) of an outstanding talent in the Plunketts full forward line. 4 chances and 4 drilled home goals.

Na Fianna gradually started to get to grips with Plunketts and the game with points from Isabelle Downey and Catriona Burgoyne in the last 5mins of the first half. An excellent 2nd half performance saw Na Fianna playing the better football, dominating possession and fighting back with an early goal from Holly Ann Gregan. Heroic defending from Isabella Fallon and Kate Flemming kept the Plunketts' full forward line quiet and after numerous Na Fianna attempts and cross-bar hits, Plunketts started to look unsettled. However with 15 minute halves, it is very difficult to recover early lost ground and unfortunately Na Fianna were just unable to close the gap in the time available.

Final score NAF 1:2 to Plunketts 5:1

Fingallians was now to be the girls' last game and they were determined to get a result. Na Fianna's captain fantastic, Ciara Gately, led by example in being first to every breaking ball and scoring an early point to get Na Fianna off to a great start. Fingallians were full of intensity for a win too though, but thanks to Orlaith Monaghan's superb tackling and handling



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skills, along with the relentless marking and defensive cover by Isabelle Foran, Niamh Davis, Emer Morgan, Na Fianna maintained the upper-hand. If the girls were tired it certainly didn't show. It was end to end stuff right throughout the game. Some clinical finishing by Isabelle Downey had given Na Fianna a goal and the lead in the first half but the score was back to all square mid-way into the second half. Sheer battling saw Florence Mulligan recover the ball from a Fingallians attack to move it quickly to Maedhbh Larkin who released it to Grace Barton taking it beautifully in her stride to run past two players and stick it over the bar for a scorcher of a point. Ava Fitzgerald was then quickest to react to a loose ball in Fingallians defence and pushed her way through defenders into space before putting the ball in the back of the net. Despite a close finish, that proved to be enough to secure the result for Na Fianna winning by a point!

Final Score: Na Fianna 2-4 v 2-3 Fingallians

Teamwork was to be the order of the day, with all 24 girls playing an equal and vital role throughout Feile and the girls thoroughly deserved their win at the end. While disappointed not to make the knockout stage, the girls knew they had played well, did Na Fianna proud and post-match celebrations were great fun. A great day to remember for all involved and plenty to look forward to from this fantastic group of players.



The annual Dermot McNulty memorial Tournament will take place in the Club on Sunday 2nd June. Full programme is almost finalised but for now mark it on your calendar as it is promises to be another big club day. In addition to a great day's hurling and catching up, this year's tournament will also include a book and sports gear sale taking place on both Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd June from 10am to 4pm. All enquiries on this sale to Martin Quilty 0879092732.



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LOTTO Jackpot Climbs To €18,500!

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Lotto Results
May 20th 2019
Numbers
8 13 14 20
Jackpot €18250 - No Winner
Match 3 Numbers €65 - Winner
Stephen McGlinchey (ID 480) Numbers

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David Freeman (Sat. Morn.) Numbers

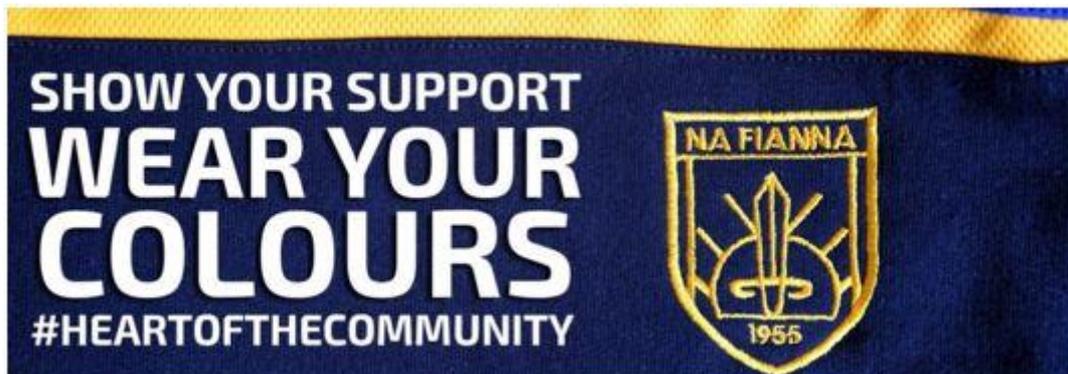
8	10	14	20
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Lucky Pick Winner - €15
Ciaran Fagan
James Mangan
Cater 4 U
Ellie O'Hara (Sat. Morn.)
Finola Graham
Next Jackpot €18500

Club lotto jackpot still hasn't been won which means that next Monday night's jackpot now stands at €18,500. Tickets on sale in members bar or around the club. Alternatively, by signing up for the direct debit option, you could win the jackpot every week! See details [here](#)

Na Fianna Golf Society

Na Fianna Golf Society's next outing will be to Forrest Little on Friday 14th June. Tee time 2.40 to 4pm, for timesheet please contact Ciaran Gray 0872269133. New members always welcome.





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Ladies Footballers Quiz Fundraiser

NA FIANNA
TABLE QUIZ FUNDRAISER
IN AID OF LADIES FOOTBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 30 | 7.30PM
NA FIANNA HALL
€10 PP | TEAMS OF 4

Come and support our adult ladies football teams with a fun table quiz night and PRIZES to be won on the night!

Na Fianna Ladies Footballers are hosting our first fundraising event of the year on Thursday 30th of May. All three ladies teams are coming together to host a table quiz in Halla Na Fianna at 7:30pm. Teams consist of 4 people at a cost of €10 per person. There will also be some amazing prizes up for grabs, come along and bring a friend or 3! If you have any queries contact Jane on 085 1384888.



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Momentum Continues @ Mothers&Others!



Now two weeks into Na Fianna's Mothers&Others initiative and the momentum is still growing. Again, over 150 ladies attended this week's session in the course of the two nights so the interest hasn't waned one little bit. Thursday's session included some coaching tips from some of our adult Ladies Footballers which went down very well.

Sessions continue for the next 4 weeks on Mondays and Thursdays, 9-10pm (but you just come one night a week, whichever suits you best). People welcome to join in even if you've missed the first two sessions.

If you're interested, contact Ciara Keating (086-855 6299), Annette Nugent (086-682 0971) or Martina Rehill (086-085 5205). You can read more about this national initiative here: <https://ladiesgaelic.ie/lgfa-hub/games-development/lidl-gaelic4mothersothers/>



Online booking for Mini Leagues is now open, check website www.clgnafianna.ie



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Pic Of The Week



Pictured above at a recent bake sale fundraiser in Phibsboro for Na Fianna's 2008 Girls were from left, Aoibhinn Coleman, Aoife Reynolds and Catherine Caddell. The baked goodies on display didn't last too long and the girls raised over €150 for their team. Well done girls!

Mags D'arcy Session



Mags D'arcy paid a return visit to Mobhi Road last week when she coached a Camogie Goalkeeping session for Na Fianna's Stef Carthy and Ciara Tierney.



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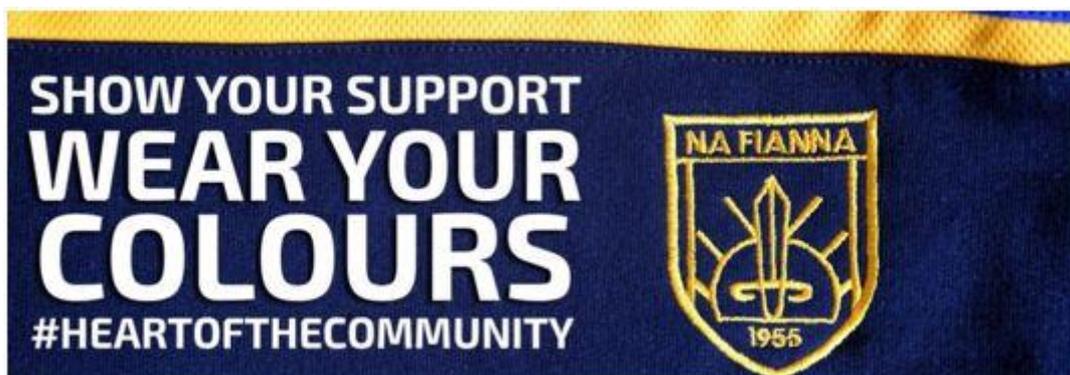
Junior B Hurlers On A Roll!

Na Fianna 4-12 Clontarf 3-12



Great win for our Junior B Hurling team in Collinstown last Sunday. Behind by 14 points at one stage, Na Fianna rallied with the aid of a strong wind in the second half. Early second half points helped narrow the gap and three late goals left our lads stunned....not to mention the opposition. A hat trick of goals by Peadar O'Laoire crowned an outstanding performance and the lads remain unbeaten and top of the league.

This follows an equally impressive midweek Championship performance earlier when the lads overcame Round Towers with a scoreline of 1-14 to 0-6. While the performance merited the win, our lads were obviously tired after a recent flurry of games. Cillian Guinan in particular played an outstanding game ably assisted by Jimmy Deane and Gavan Hanley.





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2008 Girls Handball



Frank Daly presented Handball Skills Certificates to our 2008 Girls during the week.

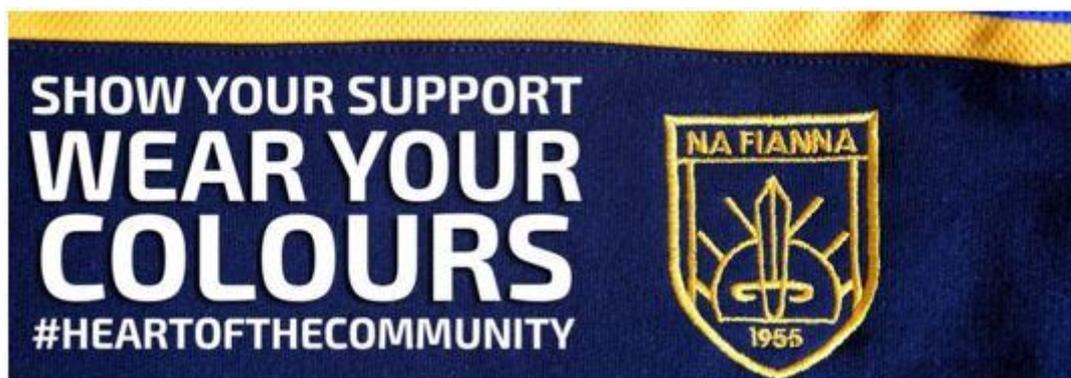




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.....and finally

GNS Fitness will hold a Fundraiser Quiz in aid of Crumlin Childrens Hospital in the club on Friday 31st May. Part of their GNS 4 Peaks Challenge, there will be some great prizes on the night and all for a very worthy cause. More information from GNS.



Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of almost 3,000 and over 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie