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Feature: My Life as a Film Star

It was on Wednesday that I had to go for interview in the Harbour Hotel. We wanted to be selected to make a film about our women's class in Ballybane. I did my hair and my make up and put on my good clothes and, feeling nervous, I went into the interview with Kitty from the school and Melissa, my teacher. We were selected and we were delighted.

Paddy, the film maker, came to our class on Wednesday morning and showed us how to use the camera. We learned to hold the camera properly and how to move the image in and out. He told us about lighting the subject.

We also learned how to speak slowly and clearly. In the beginning it was very hard having the camera facing you. I felt very conscious of myself and I used to say, "Turn that thing away from me!" We would all laugh but we got used to it eventually. Bridget, Lily, Violet, Kathleen, Melissa and myself all felt like film stars.

I was very nervous going in to the Junior Cert English exam in Moneenageeisha and the camera was there following us. In one way, looking back, it was a good distraction as we felt very important. Paddy asked us to say how we were feeling going into the exam and coming out

again. And looking back, I feel very proud to have been part of it all, to have done the Junior Cert English and to have got on well. Now, through the film, we are able to encourage other women to come back to learning if they feel they might like to.

I am looking forward to November 30th when the film will be shown to the public in the Town Hall theatre. Family and friends will be coming too.

Junior Cert English and film star all in one year. It doesn't get much better than that!

Margaret Sweeney

Noticeboard

Don't forget to check the noticeboard in the reception area regularly for any news or for any events that we may have coming up. Dates of the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays are also shown here.

Currently we are displaying an advertisement for RTE TV who are looking for anyone who would be willing to take part in the next series of 'Written Off'.

The series is going to be recorded in January and

February next year, and if you would like to be considered for selection as a student on this programme, the **National Adult Literacy Agency** would love to hear from you on 1800 202065.



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online: www.gabes.ie

Helping a Friend

By B.M.

One day I was driving down the road, on my way to Galway. I saw a car pulled over on the side of the road and my friend was standing beside it. I pulled over to the side to see could I help in anyway. He told me he was driving along and the car just died, he thought that the car might be out of petrol because the gauge was not working. I took him to the nearest garage so he could get some petrol, I took him back to car and we put the petrol in, but still it would not start. Then we went to jump start it but still it would not start. I got a rope out of the boot of my car and we towed it to the garage. The garage man said it would be a few weeks before the car would be ready. So he gave my friend another car to keep him going in the meantime. I was happy to help.

My Hometown

by P.S.

The place I would like to introduce is my small town of NIDZICA. Nidzica is a town in the Warmian Masurian region in Poland, between Olsztyn and Mlawa. It has a population of about fifteen thousand people. It is the capital of Nidzica county. In the centre of the town we have a beautiful town hall. We also have the Gothic church of Saint Wojciech and the magical gothic castle of Wladyslaw Pgiello. The church and the castle are beautiful from the outside and the inside and is liked by all tourists who gladly visit it.

If you are looking for something more, you can go for a walk in the romantic scenery in Gregorius Park, where a fountain, moody lights and silence make you relax and feel really good. My small town is the most lovely place in the world.

About my home in Sri Lanka by Danushka

My village's name is Rathgama. It is situated near the town of Galle. There is a small river and a lot of paddy fields in my village. It also has a very beautiful sunset. The main job is farming. There are two primary schools in the village. There are five or ten shops. My school's name was Richmond College. It is the main school in the Southern province. There are one to thirteen classes in my school, two hundred teachers and three thousand students. Some teachers and students stay in the hostel. There are fifty students in my class. Primary is one to five and six to thirteen is junior.

Get Writing!

We are getting the next edition of Voices together at the moment, so don't forget to hand any short stories, articles, recipes or travel stories you may have to your tutor or give them directly to Lisa. Shorter articles can be included in the next newsletter. Any photos which you have taken can also be submitted, along with any works of art.

Many thanks!

The A Team

By P.H.

My favourite show is the A Team. I like Mr T the best. I like it when B.A. Baracus is going for Murdoch. I have the DVDs. I have about 40 films. There were 96 episodes. I'm going to look for more.



Richmond College

