

Santa Visits On December 3rd at 3.00pm!



Winter 2017 Newsletter



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Dear Foxrock Residents,

It has been a challenging year particularly with the maintenance of our Area Conservation Status in the face of constant attempts at increasing the density of development in Foxrock Village.

We can never prohibit progress, nor should we, but be assured that as your representative committee, we in Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise Ltd (F.A.C.E.), will work tirelessly to represent your interests, not just in keeping a close eye on local planning but in considering all aspect of the environment in which we live and where our families are raised.

In particular I would like to draw your attention to page three where our planning consultant Feargall Kenny details submissions we have made on behalf of all Foxrock residents.



Best wishes,

Frank Hearne

Chairman.

Village Car Park



With the car park now fully up and running we would like to remind people of the location and price.

The car park is located just inside the entrance of Leopardstown Golf Centre on the left hand side. It is a pay and display and the charge is ONLY €1.00 per hour Monday to Friday between 08.00 and 19.00 hours.



There's a special daily rate of only €3.00 and a 5 day rate of €12.00

The car park is **FREE** all day Saturday and Sunday.

We would encourage all visitors to the village to use the car park especially if attending the fabulous restaurants in the area.



Christmas Future

This year there will be a weekend of festivities starting with a Christmas fair in Tullow Church on Saturday morning followed by Santa's big arrival to Foxrock village on Sunday afternoon.

Christmas Fair, Tullow Church

Start your Christmas off at Tullow Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 10am to 1pm. Be tempted by cakes, cakes and more cakes along with all sorts of

Christmas eats. Plenty of stalls bearing Christmas gifts, books, lucky dip, bric à brac, and a raffle - just some of the nice things to be found at this fun morning for all the family.

Foxrock Annual Santa Visit, Foxrock Village

This year's annual Santa visit will take place on Sunday December 3rd from 3pm to 5pm. There will be plenty of entertainment from meeting Mrs Clause to face painting. Nibbles and beverages will be available. This year's Christmas charity is Laura Lynn Children's Hospice and their outstanding work.

Christmas Past

One of the highlights of every year for our little ones must be Santa coming to Foxrock Village!!! Last December was no exception.

Plenty of laughter, mince pies and mulled wine was had by young and old. We would like to thank everyone who helped out on the afternoon, especially all the business owners who contributed their time and premises to make it a special afternoon for everyone. Here are a few photos from last year's festivities.



Background to County Development Plan & Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA)

by Feargall Kenny

The Planning and Development Act 2000 requires a planning authority to make a new Development Plan for their area every 6 years. The current Development Plan for the County of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown was adopted in March 2016 and covers the period up to 2022.

The Planning legislation gives legislative force to the concept of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). The Act allows for a Development Plan to include an objective to preserve the character of an area that is of special architectural interest if the planning authority is of the opinion that its inclusion is necessary for the preservation of the character of the place. Such a place will be referred to as an Architectural Conservation Area. The Act obliges a planning authority or Bord Pleanála on appeal, when considering planning application for permission for development on land situated in an ACA to take into account the material effect that the proposal will have on the character of the ACA.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has recognised that the Foxrock area has unique qualities which require special protection under the planning system and as a result the core area of Foxrock, comprising Torquay Road, Westminster Road, Brighton Road, Kerry Mount Avenue and their immediate environments, were designated as an ACA in July 2007. This designation has been carried forward into the current Development Plan. The Development Plan Policy in relation to the ACA obliges the planning authority to protect the character and special interest of the area and to ensure that all development proposals are appropriate to the character of the area.

The Foxrock ACA is a low-density residential area dating from the 1860s onward, and it is characterised by large single-family dwelling-houses on generous sites in a sylvan setting of mature trees and hedges. This type of suburban development is a recognised urban design type called "Arcadia". The essential feature of the Arcadian suburb is the low density of development and the use of landscape to enclose the buildings, creating the illusion of a rural environment in a residential area. Because present day land values and the principles of sustainable development preclude the development of new areas at such densities, it is extremely important therefore that a unique existing area of this type of development such as Foxrock should be conserved.

UPDATE ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Unfortunately the very qualities of Foxrock that have led to its designation as an ACA are also qualities which attract developers to acquire sites within the area for intensive redevelopment. There are currently several planning applications for development of this type within the ACA which are under consideration by the County Council and Bord Pleanála. They are as follows:

Carrigmore, Torquay Road: (County Council Reference Number D17a/0160; Bord Pleanála Reference Number P106D.248513):

A planning application for the demolition of the existing house and the construction of eight three-storey semi-detached houses on a prominent site within the ACA on the corner of Torquay Road and Golf Lane was rightly refused planning permission by the County Council on 19th April. The Council's reasons for refusal were as follows:



1. The proposed development of eight semi-detached, three storey dwellings, set forward of the building line on Torquay Road and which includes the removal of a significant number of trees, at a location where it is an objective to preserve trees and woodlands; represents an extremely poor design response at this sensitive and prominent location, fails to give cognisance to its receiving environment and does little to preserve or enhance the special character of this Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development therefore materially contravenes the objectives of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan, 2016-2022, and is contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development by reason of its height, design and proximity to boundaries would appear visually overbearing and incongruous when viewed from adjoining residential properties and from the public realm. The proposed development would therefore seriously detract from the visual and residential amenities and would depreciate the value of property in the vicinity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The Council's Decision was appealed to Bord Pleanála by the applicant. Along with many other interested parties, F.A.C.E. formally objected to the original application and have followed this up with a submission to Bord Pleanála. A decision on this case has been deferred by the Bord until November 22nd at the latest.

Clonbur, Torquay Road: (County Council reference number D17a/0441; Bord Pleanála reference number P106D.249014)

A planning application for eight four storey town-houses on this important site at the heart of Foxrock Village and the ACA was refused planning permission by the County Council on 10th July. The Council's reasons for refusal were as follows:

1. The proposed development of eight four-storey terraced houses, set in close proximity to the footpath edge on Torquay Road represents an overbearing and extremely poor design response at this sensitive and prominent location, fails to give cognisance to its receiving environment and does little to preserve or enhance the special character of this Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development would therefore adversely affect the Foxrock Architectural Conservation Area and materially contravenes Policy AR12 of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan, 2016-2022 and policies contained in Chapter 9 of the Foxrock Architectural Conservation Area - Character Appraisal. The proposed development

is therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development, at a density of thirty two (32) units per hectare, is not considered to be of a sufficiently high density as envisaged by the 2016-2022 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan at this location. The proposed development therefore contravenes Policy 2.1.3.3 of the 2016-2022 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Council's Decision was appealed to Bord Pleanala by the applicant on 8th August. F.A.C.E. formally objected to the original application and have followed this up with a submission to Bord Pleanala. A decision from Bord Pleanala is due in early December.

It should be noted that while FACE is not opposed to an appropriate redevelopment of this site, we do not accept the County Council's reasons for a higher density and have made this case to Bord Pleanala.

**Four Winds, Brighton Road
(County Council reference number D17A/0455):**

There is an existing planning permission for a 113 bedroom nursing home on this site after a decision to grant by the County Council which was upheld by Bord Pleanala following a number of third party appeals on 21st September 2016. A new planning application for a 140 bedroom nursing home on an enlarged site was lodged on 18th May. The proposal takes in part of an adjoining site, "Tall Trees" on Claremont Road. There were a large number of objections lodged including one from FACE. Additional information was requested by the Council and submitted on 14th September. A decision on this application is now due on 11th October at the latest.

(County Council reference number D17A/0742):

A planning application for modifications to the existing permitted 113 bed Nursing Home was lodged on 18th August. No additional rooms are proposed but there would be extra floor area and expansion into the grounds of "Tall Trees". FACE has lodged an objection to this proposal on the grounds that it would set a precedent for further expansion of the nursing home in the future. A decision is due on this application is due on 12th October.

The Four Winds site is located within the ACA. FACE strongly objected to the original proposal for a nursing home on this site and was extremely disappointed by the decision of Bord Pleanala to grant permission for it. FACE remains committed to opposing any further expansion of nursing home use on this site or on the adjoining site.

Weavers Hall, Plunkett Avenue, Westminster Road & No. 10 Hainault Park (County Council reference number D17A/0486).

The planning application for the demolition of the existing house and the construction of 50 apartments on a site of 1.14 hectares (2.8 acres) was lodged on 30th May. There was a considerable number of objections to the proposal, including one from FACE, all of which must be considered by the planning authority in making its decision.

The Council requested additional information on 21st July. The applicants have six months from that date to respond. There has been no response to date. Unfortunately the site is just outside the ACA and the fact that the planning authority has sought additional information would seem to indicate a predisposition on the Council's part to grant planning permission.

This report was prepared on 1st October 2017 and there may have been updates since newsletter went to print. Any queries, please email: facefoxrock@gmail.com.

New To Foxrock

We are delighted to welcome four new businesses to the village. Here's a snippet about each:

Jess Day Nutrition Profile



Jess Day Holistic Nutrition is based above Michel's Restaurant and runs on Mondays, with a lifelong interest in health and a fifteen year career in nutrition, it means that Jess Day is able to educate clients as to how food works. Jess uses food combination and lifestyle choices to maximise results for clients. Jess has worked with a variety of high level Athletes, both here and in America and believes that balance and understanding are a necessary part of a successful programme.

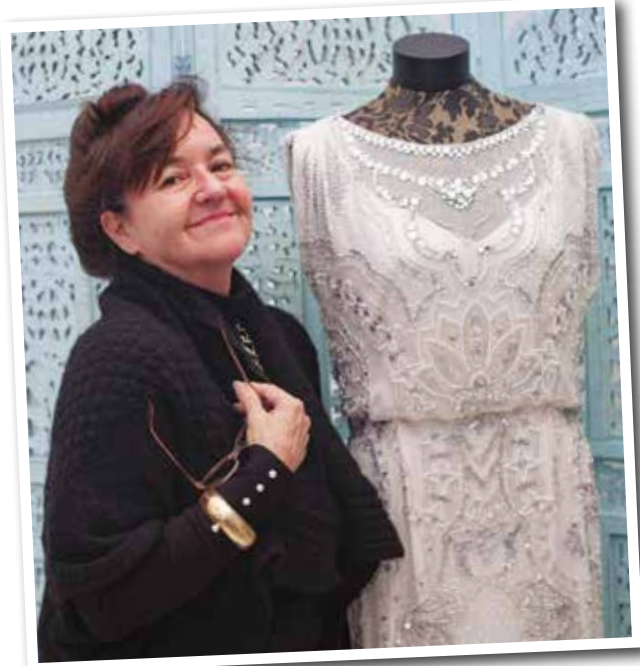
Jess is fascinated with nutrition and she believes that education is crucial for people to understand food, however Jess also believes that food is fun and that people should not feel like they are being restricted in what they are able to eat. You can eat what you want, just in a balanced way, Jess helps you re-programme the way you think.

Jess wants her clients to achieve results, so she offers bespoke programmes that helps clients get the foundations right, these programmes can be modified to suit the client and Jess is incredibly supportive during the process. Jess has a very practical approach and her in depth knowledge is incredibly useful for her clients. She believes that education is key to how people approach food.

As a Special Offer, Jess Day Nutrition is offering a 20% discount on your initial consultation.

If you would like more information, please go to www.jessdayholisticnutrition.ie/

Foxrock Alterations



Sanja has over 30 years of experience in fashion design, providing expertise in tailoring, re-modelling, adjustment and all types of alterations and provides a quick and efficient service. Sanja has previously run her own Boutique and fashion line, her Alteration Service has been situated in Cassini Boutique for the last five months. Sanja is incredibly helpful and friendly to her and Cassini's clients and there is nothing that Sanja cannot alter or repair.

To contact Sanja please phone **0899421739 / 0899595121** or email her at **sanjasimfox@gmail.com**

Flowers Made Easy



Flowers Made Easy is the new Florist in the Village, situated between Cassini Boutique and the Scarlet Heifer Butchers.

This is Ireland's largest Flower Delivery company set up to make things easier for customers to order flowers online and have them delivered to anyone, anywhere. The award winning florists at Flowers Made Easy are renowned for their incredible style and creativity, giving the Customer something special. The flowers are imported directly from growers and their partners in Holland 5 days a week which

means that the flowers are fantastic quality.

Flowers Made Easy have a 100% Satisfaction guarantee. If for some reason, you are not happy with their flowers, they will do everything in their power to make sure you are happy.

Flowers made Easy is also Ireland's First Ethical Florist, having registered with Fair Flower Fair Plants (FFP) many years ago. This company believes that as a sustainably and ethically driven company it makes sense to buy Fair Flowers and Fair Plants. If you want more information, please go to their website: **www.flowersmadeeasy.com**

Unleashed Grooming



Eva Colgan of Unleashed has been grooming for seven years, five of them professionally. During her career Eva has groomed four Crufts Winners. Eva is a member of the Irish Professional Dog Groomers' Association (IPDGA).

Unleashed has clients that come from all over the country as well as England to avail of Eva's superb professional, personalised grooming services that results in a happy and relaxed dog.

Eva also has Veterinary Training, so she can advise on behavioural and nutritional needs too. One of the things that makes Unleashed different to other Groomer Businesses is that some of Eva's Customers are Cats! Grooming cats prevents the cats needing to be sedated in the Vets, in the event that they need to be dematted.

The best part of the job, according to Eva, is getting to know the personalities of all the dogs and helping to put them at ease if they are nervous. Unleashed provides a long list of beauty services including, puppy's first groom, nail cutting as well as handstrips.

With Eva and Unleashed you can be assured your pet is in safe hands.

For more information on Unleashed, please look at their website: **www.unleashed-grooming.com**
 Phone or Text: **085 1924781**
 Email: **Eva@unleashed-grooming.com**

Events

Foxrock Cup



The Foxrock Cup returned for a second year back in March. The cup was originally presented by Mr. R. T. O'Hara, the uncle of Foxrock resident Des McGrane, and raced for until 1989 (it was won by the famous 'Foinavon' in 1965!).

FACE was delighted again to collaborate with Des and his family to re-establish this cup which was co-sponsored by Denis I Finn Solicitors and McGrane & Partners Architects.

Not only did the sun shine all afternoon but the

Foxrock Cup was won by Hidden Cyclone owned by local residents Mrs. A. F Mee & David Mee.

Sincere thanks to Leopardstown Racecourse, The Sponsors and the businesses in the villages who came together to sponsor the 'Best Dressed Competitions'.

Beckett Summer Walks



It was another busy summer with DLRCoCo continuing their series of Foxrock Beckett Country Walks under their Summer Heritage Programme on Sunday afternoons. A huge thank you for the amazing guidance of the talented actor Paul O'Halloran, Tullow parish and to all the volunteers who helped as 'marshals' throughout the summer.



Events Calendar

• **Monday 16th October - Saturday 28th October - Dolmen Theatre **Charolais**.** Winner of 2017 Stewart Parker award. Written and performed by Noni Stapleton. Starts at 8pm €12 per person

• **Sunday 22nd October at 7pm - Tullow Church **A Night with the Rising Stars**.** Join Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Leah Barniville, 60 member award-winning Wesley College Choir and compère Ian Fox, well known music critic, for a musical evening to remember. A Night with the Rising Stars is a fundraiser for life saving heart surgery for children with Down Syndrome in India. Tickets €20 Booking on www.eventbrite.ie

• **Tuesday 31st October - Saturday 4th November - Dolmen Theatre **Padraig Potts Guide to Walking**.** Written and Performed by Seamus O'Rourke. Starts at 8pm €15 per person

• **Wednesday 15th November - Saturday 18th November Dolmen Theatre **The Confirmation Suit**** by Brendan Behan. Performed by Gary Cooke (Apres Match) Written by Behan in 1953 and adapted for the stage by Peter Sheridan. Starts at 8pm €12 per person

• **Sunday 26th November 2pm - 5pm St Brigids Boys School **The Annual St. Brigids School Christmas Fair**** takes place on Sunday 26th November from 2pm - 5pm

in the Boys School, Mart Lane. Plenty of fun for all ages groups, from wheel of fortune, cakes, toys, book and many more stalls - All Welcome

• **Wednesday 29th November - Saturday 2nd December Dolmen Theatre **Weighing In**** by Ger Gallagher. Performed by Rose Henderson (Fair City, Fr Ted) and Isobel Mahon (Glenroe, The Clinic). Back by popular demand, for 4 performances only. Weighing In is a fast paced comedy about life, love and ...dieting! Starts at 8pm €15 per person

• **Saturday 2nd December 10am - 1pm Tullow Church **Christmas Fair****

• **Sunday 3rd December 3pm - 5pm Foxrock Village **Foxrock Annual Santa Visit****

• **Tuesday 12th December - Thursday 14th December Dolmen Theatre **The Dirt Birds**.** AKA Sue Collins and Sinead Culbert. This hilarious duo will be bringing their very own brand of sparkling wit to the Dolmen. A perfect Christmas night out. Starts at 8pm €15 per person

• **Sunday 17th December Tullow Church **Carols by Candlelight**** Tullow Church, Brighton Road Get in the mood for Christmas at 'Carols by Candlelight' in Tullow Church. Favourite carols in atmospheric surroundings and followed by a mulled wine reception. Starts at 7pm - Free of Charge and all Welcome

Your Village

Foxrock Tidy Towns Update

One of the key objectives of FACE is to ensure the area is kept in good order in terms of landscaping and general tidiness. We also continue to undertake new projects and are currently working on 'Joyce Green' to develop it as a bio-diversity area so you will see ongoing developments over the coming months.



We continue to enter both the National Tidy Towns (8th consecutive year) and dlrcoco Tidy Districts competitions:

National Tidy Towns Competition:

In the 8 consecutive years we have entered since 2010, we have continued to grow our points each year and we are delighted to report that 2017 is no different - we were awarded 293 points! We also won top marks in our individual category (9 entries) and were 11th overall (38 entries) in Co. Dublin.

Previous years: 2010 = 211, 2011 = 230, 2012 = 241, 2013 = 250, 2014 = 273, 2015 = 280, 2016 = 290.

The adjudication report was very positive about the different landscaped areas which have been developed over the years and a large number of businesses in the village received compliments on their appearance. The new car park was welcomed with particular reference to the images of trains on the walls as well as the new rockery, shrubs, trees and grassed areas.

For your information, we itemise below the different award categories showing the Foxrock Tidy Towns results for 2016 & 2017 against the total number of marks available and those received by the winners (Birdhill, Co. Tipperary).

CATEGORY	Total Marks	Foxrock 2016	Foxrock 2017	Birdhill 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	42	42	49
Built Environment & Streetscape	50	38	38	42
Landscaping & Open Spaces	50	37	38	48
Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities	50	24	24	40
Sustainable Waste & Resource Management	50	20	20	23
Tidiness & Litter Control	90	61	63	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	35	35	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33	33	40
TOTAL:	450	290	293	332

As the above figures clearly illustrate, the main category with potential for improvement is 'Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities' and we would welcome any volunteers who are interested in getting involved - it is ideally suited to families with young children who are working on school projects which come under this category. If you have an interest in any of the other areas, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please email facefoxrock@gmail.com for more information.

Neighbourhood Watch

Winter and Christmas are on the way and this time of year residential burglaries normally increase. Most of these burglaries occur between 5pm and 11pm in the evening and most burglars enter the house through door or windows that are not secured. Most common items stolen are jewellery and cash. So, with all this in mind whether you are at home or going out, remember to turn on some lights, use timer switches, lock all doors and windows, use an alarm, store keys away from windows and letter boxes and don't store large amounts of cash or jewellery in the house. "Lock Up Light Up"



Be wary of bogus trades people calling to your door and advising you that your roof needs to be repaired, gutters are blocked and need to be cleared, trees need to be felled, or kids saying they are collecting for a school charity.

If any of these people call to your door please call Cabinteely Garda Station straight away and inform them 01 6665400 "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is"

Some Security Checks if someone calls to the door:

- Look out the window
- Have a door chain fitted and keep the chain on
- Ask for ID - a genuine caller won't mind
- Don't be embarrassed to tell the caller to write and make an appointment
- The basic rule is if you don't know the person at your door, you shouldn't let them in.

Automatic fall detection

Automatic fall detection systems can be a lifeline for many people and can greatly increase the opportunity for independent living. Fall detection systems can send an immediate alert for help when someone has a trip or fall in the home. This means an individual will not be left alone if this type of incident does occur. This considerably relieves anxiety for anyone who has a fall and increases the chance of a faster recovery.



Consequences of falls at home

The chance of falling increases as we get older and sadly falls are the main cause of fatal injuries among older people. Even non-fatal falls can have far-reaching consequences for people by reducing confidence and increasing dependency. For instance, many individuals recovering from a broken hip will need assistance with activities of daily living more than a year after the fracture. Fall detection systems can give confidence to someone who has already suffered a fall, who might otherwise be reluctant to continue with daily task.

This service cost approximately €120.00 once off payment and monitoring about €66.00 per year. If you would like more information contact www.taskltd.com or Call 01 8435889 or email facefoxrock@gmail.com

Community Games



Foxrock - Cabinteely Compete in the 50th Jubilee Community Games

2017 saw the local community games grow hugely! With the expansion of the catchment area and the number of events available, many more local children were able to participate in this year's Games. We had some fantastic successes, but more importantly, we hope that all the children enjoyed themselves!

The Dublin Swimming Finals were held on Sunday 26th March in Tallaght Sports Centre. Ellen Wheatley represented Foxrock in u10's 25m freestyle and qualified for the semifinals. Hannah Poynton competed in the u10's 25m Backstroke & where she won Gold. She went onto to represent Dublin for her 3rd year in a row at the All Ireland Finals. Hannah qualified from the heats into the final where she was placed 7th overall. Ben McEnroe competed in U10 boys and won a fourth place medal. Congrats to all the swimmers. Looking forward to 2018!

Chess proved a very popular event this year with a huge number of boys playing in the local heats which were held in the parish centre in Foxrock. A panel of U13 and U16 players were selected to compete in the Dublin finals where the U13 team won silver medals. The U16s progressed all the way to the National Finals in Abbotstown in May, where they beat off stiff competition in a very tense final to become National Champions! Well done to both teams.

U13 - Fionn Lowry, Louis Tyrell, Jake Keegan, Oisín Murphy, Conor Hughes, Hugo Maguire and Cillian O'Dochraigh
U16 - Ross Beatty, Richard Kitskhan, Conor Lowry, Sean Byrne, Eoghan O'Mahoney, Adam Hogan, Utkarsh Gupta.
A new event this year was the table quiz. We entered two teams in the Dublin finals and they dazzled with their general knowledge but unfortunately missed out on a place in the next round. Spirits weren't too dampened however as they had their own versions of car pool karaoke going on the whole way back from Drumcondra!! Well done to both teams: Grace O'Halloran, Hugo Maguire, Liam Treacy, Fleur Mullan, Robyn Ryan, Luke Murphy, P.J. Tehan, Emily Cooper, Sam Purcell and Anna Reynolds.

We had a very well attended art and model making event in Foxrock parish centre in March and fifteen children went on to represent Foxrock in the Dublin finals in June. Well done to Sam Murphy, Grace Guinan, Martha Maguire, Terry Jones and Alison Jones who all won medals. Alison Jones progressed to the National Finals in the U16 category. Hugo Maguire, Grace O'Halloran and Anna Reynolds won medals U10 model making at the Dublin finals.

Well done to all the artists who took part - the standard of artwork was fantastic! Anna Reynolds and Grace O'Halloran won gold and silver medals in the Dublin handwriting finals. Anna went on to compete in the National Finals in Abbotstown.

Finally on to our biggest event each year - Athletics.

The local athletics competition was held in Kilbogget Park on Saturday 2nd April - it was a windy day but thankfully the rain held off. More than 80 children took part in the various individual races, the tiny tots once again had their own mini race and the last of the events was a surprisingly competitive father's race!

Dr. Ronnie Delany very generously gave his time to give another wonderful and inspiring speech to the children and parents alike, before presenting the medals and posing for photos.

The Dublin athletics finals took place in Morton Stadium on 16/17th June and Foxrock Cabinteely was represented by a panel of 28 children competing in track and field events. Sun cream was a must as temperatures soared to the high 20s but the Foxrock Cabinteely contingent came well prepared with chairs and picnic rugs to enjoy the exciting day unfold.

All our competitors did us very proud. In particular, James Kearns and David Bosch who each came home with a silver medal in hurdles, Ellen Wheatley, Michael O'Leary and Oisín Murphy who all made it to the finals in their individual races and Martha Maguire, Thea Murray and Luke Murphy who all made it to the semi-finals.