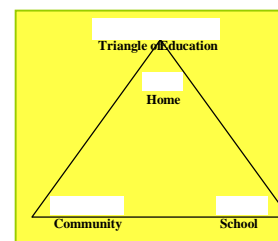


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Dear Supporters,

Many thanks for your commitment to follow and support our girls 5 a side team as they bid for an historic first All-Ireland title. The details for the day are as follows.

- **Date and venue: Aviva Stadium Dublin, Wednesday 30th of May.**
- Two buses will travel - a team bus (for team members and family) and a supporters' bus for all supporters.
- As previously communicated, the cost will be €10 per person travelling (adults and children)
- There is a small admission fee to the stadium of €5 per adult and €2 per child.
- The supporters' bus will have two groups.

Group 1- Children travelling with their parents. Parents are responsible for their own children for the duration of the trip. To this end can all parents travelling with children please complete attached form and return to school ASAP. These parents are responsible for paying their own entry at the gate.

Group 2- Children travelling with the school. Teachers will be responsible for these children. Teachers will collect their entry fees before entering the stadium and pay for the group as a whole.

- The buses will leave at **7.40am SHARP** from the school on the 30th. Please be advised that there is a strict protocol for all supporters and players to be in their areas at the stadium on time as the event is being recorded for TV. **WE MUST BE ON TIME!**
- We will have a short 10-15 minute stop on the trip up. We plan to leave the Aviva at approximately 3.30pm and be home for approximately 6pm. We do not plan to stop for food on the return trip so all supporters should bring a large packed lunch with plenty to drink.
- Below is an extract from the information provided by the FAI which should answer any of your questions.

SUPPORT

It will be a fantastic day for the participants and we want to make it one to remember for all involved. This event is a unique occasion for the players involved and we want to make it as safe and as enjoyable as possible for them. We are encouraging schools to try and bring as many as possible to join in on the occasion and we also welcome as many parents, family members and supporters as possible on the day to show their support to the participating teams. A DJ, face painting, samba drummers and fun prize giveaways have been organised for the day. Last year had over 2,500 in attendance and we are looking to increase the attendance again this year.

We are practising our chants and songs in school- parents please learn them also! On the day we will be representing Leinster. We are given a new kit to wear which will be BLUE. If bringing flags please bring the following:

- **Leinster or any blue flags and banners (maybe borrow some from Our Lady's Island families!)**
- **Wexford flags- We are the first Wexford school to have played in the Aviva**
- **Red and Black flags or tops representing the All Blacks club**
- **Green and Yellow flags representing our school colours (we will be playing against a green and a yellow and a red team so perhaps mix these with blue!)**
- **Any bodhráns or drums or relevant supporters' paraphanelia that you deem necessary!**

BEST SUPPORTED SCHOOL COMPETITION There will be a prize for the best supported School on the day. Be loud and proud! Schools are encouraged to bring flags, banners and face paints to ensure an electric and colourful event.

FUTURE SPORTS JOURNALIST COMPETITION

We also have a wonderful competition for our non-playing scholars. Students are asked to report on their teams Aviva Stadium experience by writing a match report of games. The school will send these to the FAI and a winner from all the entries will get to attend an international match at the Aviva. They will get to join a journalist on the day in the reporter's boxes and to learn how reports are made on live action. Interested candidates will be given more information in school.

ADMISSION AND SEATING

Entry for supporters is via the podium entrance of the stadium on **Lansdowne Lane (Orange Route)**. Payment can be made at the turnstiles on match day.

An area will be reserved specifically for participants and coaches and **anyone not with the allocated team will be requested to stay outside these access points. CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE AND OBSERVE THIS RULE ON THE DAY TO ENSURE SMOOTH RUNNING OF GAMES.**

The 2 coaches will have to wear a bib and accreditation at all times. These will be supplied to you on arrival.

Only 2 coaches will be permitted with the team (8 players only). We will be enforcing this throughout the day.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Wheelchair users can avail of platform spaces behind each main block e.g. BLOCK 127 (All spectators will access stadium through BLOCK 125)

LUNCH / REFRESHMENTS

Food outlets will be open in the Stadium should players or teachers wish to avail of refreshments throughout the day. Supporters can however bring their own lunch.

The Stadium will have food outlets open for spectators wishing to purchase hot or cold food items or refreshments.

PROGRAMME / FIXTURES / PITCH

Upon registration, a complimentary match programme will be given to each player and 2 teachers (10 copies per School). The programme will contain the list of fixtures for the day.

If you wish to receive additional copies of the programme, you can purchase them from the Official Programme Selling Points inside the Stadium.

MATCH FORMAT

Please note, there will be 4 pitches in operation throughout the day. **‘A’ Schools** (4 teams, 2 pitches) and **Girls ‘A’ Schools** (4 teams, 2 pitches) will play simultaneously. **Mayglass are in the GIRLS A group.**

Following those 20 minutes games, the **‘B’ Schools** and **Girls ‘B’ Schools** will take to the field of play. Then the **‘C’ Schools** and **Girls ‘C’ Schools** will play. Then the ‘A’ and Girls ‘A’ will play their second series of matches, and so on. It will be rotated like this with ample rest periods for each participating team. A graphic of the pitch layout has been sent to team members and is available on the school website.

The girls will play winners of Ulster, Connacht and Munster as below;

Ulster Qualifiers

SPAR Girls ‘A’ Cup (small schools) St. Brigid’s NS, Glenmakee, Inishowen

Connacht Qualifiers

SPAR Girls ‘A’ Cup (small schools) Corrigeenroe NS, Roscommon

Munster Qualifiers

SPAR Girls ‘A’ Cup (small schools) Crusheen NS, Clare

Leinster Qualifiers

SPAR Girls ‘A’ Cup (small schools) St. Fintan’s NS, Mayglass, Wexford

STRUCTURE

All games will kick off at the scheduled time. All schools will play 3 matches each. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss. Whoever tops the group wins. In the event of a draw on points, the result of the game between the two sides counts, then goal difference, then the goals scored. If still drawn 5 minutes extra time will be played. If still tied then a penalty shootout will take place- best of 3- then sudden death.

AWARDS

ALL 192 participants will receive a medal for their participation in the competition with the winning school receiving a SPAR FAI Cup.

A SPAR player of the tournament accolade will also be given out on the day for each section ('A' Section, Girls 'A' Section, 'B' Section, Girls 'B' Section and 'C' Section, Girls 'C' Section)

FINISH/CONCLUSION

Please note that we will require you to disperse immediately following the conclusion of the final set of games.

Our Soccer Sisters Festival of Football takes place immediately after the SPAR FAI Primary School 5s Finals. We want to avoid any congestion on the player's entrance point / dressing room areas at this time. Thank you for your co-operation with these requests!

Yours,

David Day and Bernadette Leahy

Please cut and return whichever form applies to you.

I will be attending the All Ireland 5 a side finals on May 30th with Mayglass NS. I will be travelling with the supporters bus from Mayglass school with my child/ children (names)

and will be taking full responsibility for them on the day.

Signed: (Parent/
Guardian) _____

My child/ children (names)

_____ will be attending the All Ireland 5 a side finals on May 30th with Mayglass NS. They will be travelling on the supporters' bus from Mayglass School. I/ we understand that as a school trip, full school rules and disciplinary procedures apply for the duration of the trip.

Signed:
(Child) _____

Signed: (Parent/ Guardian) _____
