



All Ireland Community Games Athlone

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On the 25th of May the school choir and I went to Athlone to compete in the Community Games All Ireland final for the U13 choir competition. We all had to be at the school at 10.45 because the bus was leaving at 11.00. My friends and I were playing with our nintendos and tablets. The bus ride was about 2 hours long.

When we got there we saw a carnival and the new athletics track. We found a seat on the grass and sat down for lunch. When we were

finished our lunch we did some vocal exercises and sang our songs. Some people came over when we were doing our songs and clapped and cheered after each one. This really boosted our confidence.

It took us a while before we found the hall. We got there just in time before the first choir went on. We were 5th to go on. There were thirteen choirs in the competition not counting us. They all had passed their county heats so they were all extremely good. One choir in particular from Trua, Monaghan were seeking revenge from last year after their defeat by "St Paul's National School Ratoath" The best school and choir in Ireland. When we got up we sang three songs: One day more, Rolling in the deep and May the road rise to meet you. We all thought we did extremely well and tried our best. It was a long time before all choirs were done and Monaghan were good also but I thought we had done enough to retain our title.

It took them a little while before they counted up all the results. Donegal came 4th and Clare Castle came 3rd. We were on our feet when we heard that Monaghan came 2nd. Then suddenly we heard "First place goes once again to St. Paul's National School Ratoath. We jumped with joy and screamed and cheered. We were All Ireland Champions once again!!!!

PS. The whole choir would like to thank Miss Hession and Miss Kieran for their guidance and support and for putting up with us all!

FYI: If you want to see the performance you can go onto you tube and put in St. Paul's Meath All Ireland Champions 2013.

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