

Race for the White House



On Tuesday November 8th the American people will vote to elect the 45th president of the United States. There are several candidates running for the election but the two main ones are Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Hilary Clinton, who is 68 and a member of the Democratic (**dem o crat ic**) Party, is the first woman ever to run for president on behalf of either the Republicans or the Democrats. In 2008 she was unlucky not to run, when the Democratic Party picked Barack Obama as their candidate instead. She is no stranger to the White House as she was “First Lady of the United States” when her husband, Bill Clinton, served as president from 1993 to 2001. During this time she took an active role in health and matters affecting women, children and families. In 2011 she was elected as a US senator for New York, making her the only “First Lady” to ever run for the senate. During the Obama government she also held the job of Secretary of State.

Hilary Clinton

Donald Trump



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The Republican (**re pub lic an**) candidate Donald Trump, who is 70, is a businessman and property developer and is said to be one of the world’s richest people. He owns hotels and golf courses all over the world including one here in Ireland in County Clare. He also became well known on TV when he was on the popular TV show “The Apprentice”.

He is known for his strong opinions especially on immigration (**imm ig ra tion**), and has said if he is elected, he will build a wall along the US-Mexico border to stop people entering the USA illegally. He is also against Clinton’s plan to bring in stricter controls for the sale of guns in the US.

As both candidates battle and debate, the polls go up and down. Either way America will have a new president, but which of them it will be remains to be seen.

Paralympic Games 2016

The Irish Paralympic team who returned recently from Brazil did the country proud winning 11 medals in total. The team won 4 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals. Runner Jason Smyth won a gold in the 100 metres for a 3rd year in a row and holds the world record. He has just 30% eyesight.

The Paralympics, which always take place just after the Olympics, are for athletes who have a disability. It allows them to show the world that having a disability is not a barrier to sporting achievement.

Jason Smyth



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No Luck for Mayo!

There was heartbreak for Mayo fans once again when Dublin beat them by a single point, in the replay of the All Ireland Football final. Dublin have won 26 All Irelands in total while Mayo have won just one. Mayo won the All Ireland 65 years ago, in 1951.

Many people believe that a priest placed a curse on the Mayo team at that time. They say that he was annoyed with the team because, when returning from the 1951 final, they had passed a funeral and had not shown respect. The story goes that the priest said that Mayo would never win another All Ireland while members of the 1951 team are still living. Mayo has played in eight All Irelands since then without luck.

Tipperary beat Kilkenny in this year’s All Ireland Hurling final making it their 27th title. They last won it in 2010.

Words '-ther'

other	brother	father	lather	heather	whether	neither
another	bother	rather	weather	leather	either	further
mother	smother	gather	feather	together	wither	panther

Tip: To learn these words, you need to practise them. Take three words every day and write each in a sentence. **Example:** another – Would you like **another** cup of tea?

Make as many words as you can using the letters in the square.

The letter in the middle box (**a**) **must** be in each word.

s	k	r
t	a	n
m	e	p

Example: past tap _____

Maths Corner

1. The bill for 4 people in a restaurant came to €96. If they divide the cost between them, how much will each pay?

2. A dishwasher can be bought in a shop for a cash price of €480 **OR** on credit at €25 a month over 2 years.

- How much will the dishwasher cost in total if paid monthly?
- How much will I save by paying for it now in cash?

3. Mary saves €50 a month in the Credit Union. How much will she have saved after 1 year?

4. 3 tins of paint cost me €126. How much is it for 1 tin?

Find a word from the list in the box above to fill in these blanks:

- As light as a _____
- Check the _____ forecast.
- My shoes are made of _____.
- If you water the flowers they will not _____.
- When you mix soap and water you get a _____.
- A 1970's film: "The Pink _____"
- A purple plant found on mountains _____
- If you can't get air then you could _____.
- That's no _____ at all!
- To collect in a group: _____
- Pick one or the _____.
- London is _____ from Galway than Dublin.
- I don't like _____ of these.
- Which or _____

Write the plural of the following:

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| 1. Child _____ | 7. Man _____ |
| 2. Mouse _____ | 8. Leaf _____ |
| 3. Sheep _____ | 9. Bus _____ |
| 4. Tooth _____ | 10. Box _____ |
| 5. Foot _____ | 11. Knife _____ |
| 6. Goose _____ | 12. Woman _____ |

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Maths answers: Q1. €24, Q2. a) €600, b) €120
Q3. €600, Q4. €42