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Latch-On Express

A Celebration of Life long Learning

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Literacy & Technology Hands On (Latch-On) is two-year literacy programme for adults . The programme provides opportunities for adults to continue their literacy development. The Waterford Latch-On team are based at the Edmund Rice Centre and meet three mornings a week from 9am to 1pm.



The Latch-On Team in the Edmund Rice Centre, Waterford

The team has 9 students who have written articles for our first newsletter. There is a key teacher, two tutors and three volunteers. For more information see www.dsiwaterford.ie .

Special points of interest:

- Poetry
- Farmers report
- Sports news
- Film reviews
- And lots more.

Spring by John Carton

They piped the piper
in the woods,

Strange music soft
and sweet.

And all the little wild
things came hurry-
ing to his feet.

They sat around him

on the grass,
enchanted, not
afraid.

And listened with
shiny eyes sweet
melodies he made.

The grass grew
green and

the flowers sprang
up

And the birds began
to sing.

The music it was
magic .

The piper's name was
spring.

Farmer's Journal by Martin Colfer

A story about myself and the farm yard



It's a busy time of year for farmers.

I go to the latch on programme in Waterford. I live in Co.

Wexford on my family farm. We are very busy with cows and calves at the moment. Cows calve in the spring. They eat as much grass as possible in their 300 day lactation. The average Irish farm has 55 cows.

I like to feed my hens every day. I drive the tractor when daddy is with me. I like putting the trailer on the tractor. I like farming with my daddy Larry. Larry is a very good farmer. My daddy's name is Larry his job is feeding the cattle he is giving the bale of silage the rest of the cattle.

Larry feeds the dogs. I unstack the dishwasher, I love reading and writing in my course. I like my course I am delighted here. I like my new friends. Every evening I feed my hens, every Monday I put out the bin for the collection. I fill the coal in the bucket for the fire. I make the beds some evenings.

Mary Piercy's Healthy Menu

Eat healthy this Spring

Breakfast

Weetabix



Yoghurt



Lunch

Sandwich



Apple and banana

Dinner

Spaghetti

Bolognese



Prince Michael Jack-

Michael Jackson's Children by Elaine Hearne

Michael Jackson had 3 children.

Prince Michael Jackson I, Paris

Michael Katherine Jackson and Prince Michael Jackson II.

Prince Michael Jackson I is 16 years old. He will make his acting debut soon in '90210'.

Paris Michael Kathe-

rine is nearly 15 years old.

Prince Michael Jackson II is 11 years old. His nickname is Blanket.

Sports News

Robin Van Persie by Desmond Curren

My favourite player is Robin Van Persie.

Robin scored 19 goals this season so far.

He is 29 years old. Alex Ferguson paid 24m for him.

Old Trafford is the home of Manchester United is one of the wealthiest and

most supported football teams in the world.



Rugby News by Jonathon Condon

Ireland and Italy played a rugby match in March.

It was an exciting match in the Olympic Stadium in Rome in Italy.

I went with my

family to Italy last year.

My favourite rugby player Brian O Driscoll.

Born: 21 January 1979

Height: 5ft 10inches

Weight: 14st 13lb

Province: Leinster.

He has played for Ireland 124 times.



Brian and Amy by Chris Walsh

Here is Brian O'

Driscoll.



Here is Brian O' Driscoll and Amy Hubberman.

Amy is an actress. They had their baby on 10th February 2013.



Latch-On Film Reviews

Oz the Great and Powerful by Kevin Brophy

Hansel and Gretel by John Carton

In this new Fairytale movie,

Hansel and Gretel must fight to over come evil.

But things are not as they seem.

Hansel and Gretel must triumph

over this evil. If not all is lost for all time.

In this fairytale Hansel and Gretel lives are on the line.



I went to the Odeon cinema

On Friday 8 March at 4.30pm.

I went with my family. We watched the film Oz the Great And Powerful 3D.

This old song is good,

'We are off to see the

Wizard the wonderful

Wizard of Oz.'

But the film is even better. I had a really great time.



Special Olympics Ireland Basketball Crew by Louise Coleman



Irish Champions having fun.

My name is Louise Coleman. I play basketball with Team Ireland. I went to the Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai in 2003 and in Dublin in 2007.

In Shanghai, the food was great. The staff, the team work and programmes

were good. There were team talk meetings every night. We went to the restaurant for breakfast and lunch and at night we had dinner. We spent 8 nights in Shanghai. We had basketball matches and we won bronze.

We saw Colin Farrell. It was Carol's birthday and she hugged him.

She was shocked.