**Máirtín-My memories of Rath NS**

My first memories in primary were in Junior Infants. Mammy brought me into school. Ms Ryan was my teacher and she was sitting at her desk and she introduced me to the class. My first school tour, we went to the pet farm and that’s all I remember of my first school tour.

In Senior Infants, we also went to the pet farm. In first class, we went to Lullymore and I sat beside James Hennessy on the bus. Later on in the year, Pauline Curly came to visit and did races with us. I dressed up as a vampire in Juniors, Seniors, first and second class. In 3rd, I dressed up as a zombie.

In 3rd class, I started the hurling final. Third class weren’t really supposed to play because they were too young. In 4th class, we played Clareen in the final. I didn’t start that game and when I came on I was playing full-forward and I was marking Cathal Bergin. We bet them fairly well. After a few weeks, Peter Dooley called and signed stuff for us.

In 5th, we played Clonlisk in the final and I played corner back and I scored 2-1. One of my goals was a bit fluky because I just hit the ball and hoped for the best and it bounced over the keeper and my second goal was probably the best goal I ever scored. I soloed from midfield and I flicked it over someone’s head and caught it on the other side and dropped the ball and pulled on it. In the end we didn’t win.

I got elected for the green schools. In 6th class we got to the final and I was captain even though I didn’t want to be and we lost by 3 points.

We went to Ericsson and I met Yolande Spain. We went to Grants and we met Martin and my aunties boyfriend Willie and Stephen Corcoran, the Offaly goalie.

My last memory is my Confirmation. Afterwards we went to Hennessy’s in Ferbane. On the last day before COVID-19 hit, I was going to the dentist and Ms. Ryan gave me all of my books and I did not know what was going on. I went out to the car and daddy told me.