

VISITS TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, PHOENIX PARK, AND DAIL ÉIREANN, DUBLIN

On 26 September 2006 the Children from 3rd Class upwards in Carramore and Killasser National Schools, together with their Teachers and a number of Adults, responded to an invitation from Mr James C Kenny, American Ambassador to Ireland to visit his official residence in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

It was a most pleasant experience and everyone was made so welcome by the Ambassador. Refreshments were served to everyone, many photographs were taken, and all were given a tour of the house and grounds by the Ambassador, whose term of office came to an end this year.

He proved to be an excellent communicator with the young people in the party, as was the case when he visited our Parish of Killasser in September 2005. His Grandfather emigrated from Killasser to the United States of America in 1907.

The Children from each school made presentations to the Ambassador. Tom Hennigan of Hennigan's Heritage Centre, Killasser, who accompanied the party, presented the Ambassador with a framed photograph of him picking potatoes at the Hennigan Heritage Centre during his visit in September 2005 .

Those who made the visit thank the Ambassador for his welcome and for his kind hospitality. Sincere thanks, in particular, to Tom Hennigan who was very much at the centre of the organising of the visit.

The group also visited Dáil Éireann, where they were met by Westport-based Mr Michael Ring T. D. They were also met and addressed by Mr Bernard Durkin, T. D. for Kildare, who is from Treenreevagh, Killasser and was a pupil in Carramore School.

A great day out was enjoyed by all.