

# #GAAPrimary Challenges

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## Weekly Curriculum Lesson Plans and Physical Activities for Primary School Children

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# Competition of the Week

Build a stadium from materials  
you find at home  
(e.g. cereal box, egg carton, etc.)

Ask your parent/guardian to email  
photo of your completed stadium to  
[gamesdevelopment@gaa.ie](mailto:gamesdevelopment@gaa.ie) by

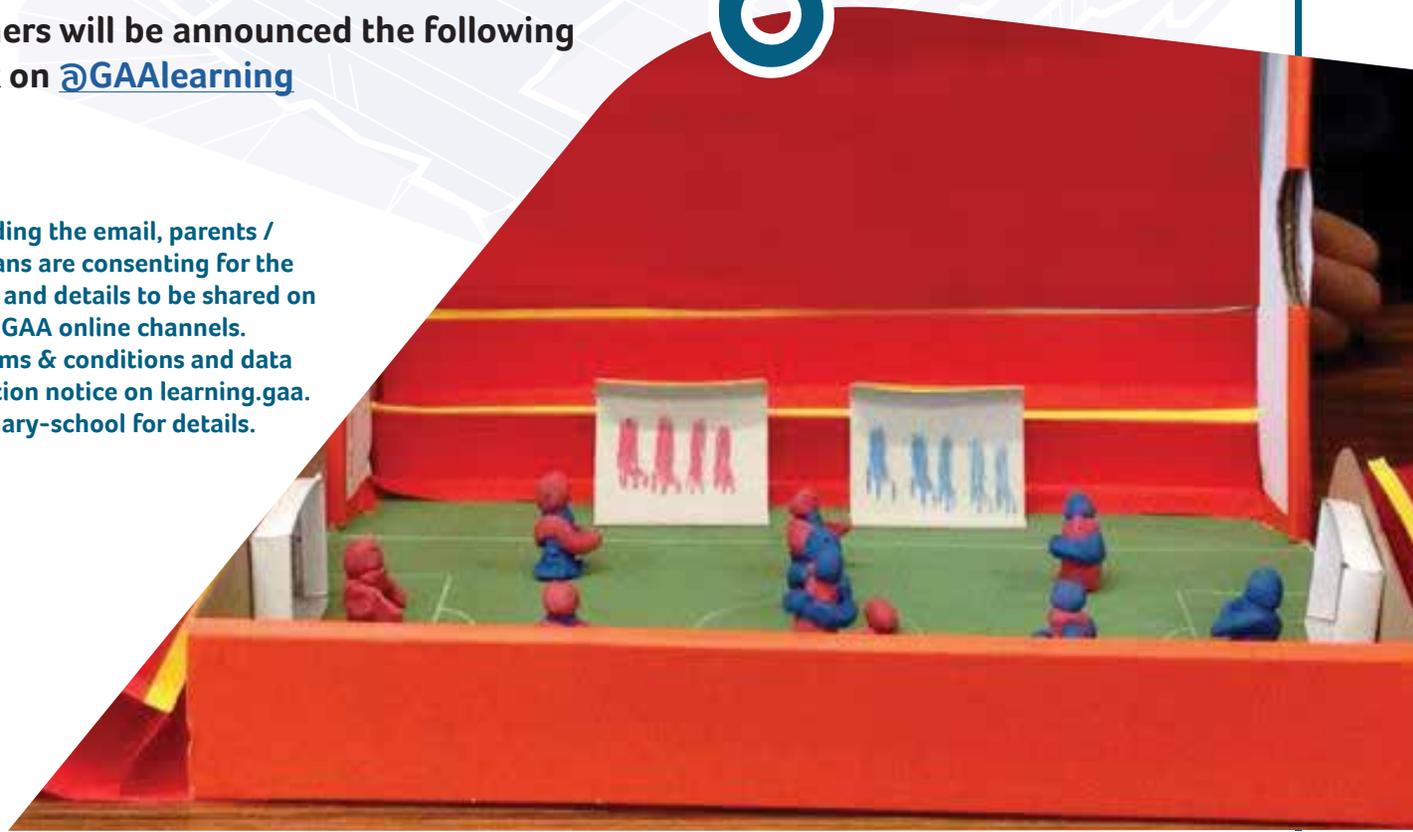
Friday May 22nd including:

- Your first name
- The name of your school and county
- The name of your local GAA club, if you have one.

Win complimentary Family Passes to the  
[Ericsson Skyline Tour](#)

Winners will be announced the following  
week on [@GAAlearning](#)

By sending the email, parents /  
guardians are consenting for the  
photos and details to be shared on  
official GAA online channels.  
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## Learning Activity 1

**Strand:** Story

**Strand Unit:** Stories from the lives of people in the past

**Aim:**

1. To discuss, listen to, retell and record a range of stories from the lives of people who have made a contribution to local or national life.

**Suggested Activities:**

1. Watch this link and see how people describe their favourite players in the past  
[Click here to watch](#)
2. Use Worksheet 4F to introduce Christy Ring. Explain that Christy Ring was a hurling legend because of his skill and dedication and the success he had when he played. He is remembered all over Ireland and especially in Cork where a stadium is called after him. There is also a hurling competition named after him.
3. Ask the children to research famous players from their own county or club and write a biographical account of the chosen players.
4. Ring a grandparent or another senior citizen in your family to interview them about their favourite player. Write the story of your grandparent's or another senior citizen's in your family favourite player.
5. Through integration with the Music curriculum, collect local ballads, stories and traditions relating to the GAA.

USE FOLLOWING WORKSHEETS



### Worksheet 4F: Players from the Past

Christy Ring from Cloyne played for Cork in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Many people see him as the greatest player of all time. He was named in the right half-forward position on the GAA's 'Hurling Team of the Millennium'.



Christy played his first game for Cork's hurlers in the autumn of 1939, playing in a National League game. In 1941 the Cork senior hurlers won their first All-Ireland title in ten years, with Ring playing at right half-forward. In 1954 Cork played their third All-Ireland final in a row, this time against Wexford. In front of a then record attendance of nearly 85,000, Ring, as captain, won his eighth All-Ireland medal. This is a record no other hurler has beaten.

In 1956 Christy made his tenth and last appearance in an All-Ireland final. He was also chasing his ninth All-Ireland medal. In the last minute the Wexford goalkeeper, Art Foley, saved Ring's brilliant shot with his hurley and quickly played the ball up the field, where another brilliant hurler, Nicky Rackard, scored the winning goal for Wexford. Even though Cork lost, Wexford defenders Nick O'Donnell and Bobby Rackard showed great sportsmanship as they lifted Ring onto their shoulders and carried him off the field.

Christy's record of medals and trophies is amazing. During his career he won eight All-Ireland senior hurling championship medals (1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1953, 1954) and four National hurling league medals (1940, 1941, 1948 and 1953) in the red jersey of Cork. He won 18 Railway Cup medals with Munster, appearing in 22 finals between 1942 and 1963. At club level Ring won 14 county hurling championship medals with Glen Rovers and a football championship medal with St. Nicholas's.

#### Did you know?

*There are three tiers for the All-Ireland hurling championship. Teams compete for the Liam McCarthy Cup, the Christy Ring Cup and the Nicky Rackard Cup.*

#### Tasks:

1. How many medals did Christy Ring win?
2. How do you know that the Wexford players had great respect for Christy Ring?
3. When did Christy Ring play his first game for Cork?
4. Describe the end of the 1956 All-Ireland final?
5. Design a timeline showing Christy Ring's career.
6. Who were the most recent winners of the Christy Ring Cup and Nicky Rackard Cup?
7. Find out more about the GAA's hurling Team of the Millennium on [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie).
8. Research a famous former player from the past from your county and write a biographical account similar to the one above.
9. On display in the GAA Museum is a collection of medals belonging to Christy Ring including one minor hurling medal, seven senior hurling medals, four hurling league medals and 17 Railway Cup medals. Why not visit and count them yourself to see how many you can get?





## Learning Activity 1

**Strand:** Human Environments

**Strand Unit:** People living and working in the local area

**Aim:**

Children to learn about their local GAA club and come to appreciate the members of the community who run local clubs.

**Suggested Activities:**

1. Explore your local club. When was it founded? When were your club grounds developed?
2. Check out your club website or any books about your club. Complete worksheet 5A to profile your club.
3. Write a letter of thanks to a member of your club who helps the community.



USE FOLLOWING WORKSHEETS





## Worksheet 5A: My Local Club

If you travel around Ireland through cities, towns, and villages you will notice that there is a GAA club in almost every parish. There are over 2,000 clubs in the 32 counties of Ireland. The GAA club is very important in the parish as it is a place where you can go with friends and have fun. There is local pride when you travel to another club to play games or when a player from the club is chosen to play for the county team.

Fill in this profile of your local club.

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_



Club colours

List the people who organise matches for your team:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Club chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of club pitch: \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs you have played against: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you like your club? \_\_\_\_\_

Famous players from your club: \_\_\_\_\_

When was your club founded? \_\_\_\_\_

Write about a time when you enjoyed playing for your club:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To do: Find out more about the history of your club.



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For more movement skill challenges, see [learning.gaa.ie](http://learning.gaa.ie)

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## GAA Activity Planner

The GAA Activity Planner has been designed to help Teachers and Coaches to identify activities suitable for players/pupils and to build sessions and PE lessons from these activities. It contains hundreds of activities for developing Movement Skills, Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders. You can save sessions/lessons on a pdf document. Most of the activities also have a brief instructional video which can be shown on the class whiteboard. You can access this resource for free by registering on the [GAA Learning & Development Portal](http://GAA Learning & Development Portal)



## Céim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead Resource

[Céim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead Resource](http://Céim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead Resource) is a set of learning resources for Teachers and pupils based on the enjoyable theme of gaelic games. It aims to deliver a range of exercises used to support teaching in a variety of subject areas. These can be adapted to suit children of varying abilities through differentiated tasks. In keeping with the ethos of the GAA, the material is designed to promote participation for all, both on and off the field.

[The GAA's P.E. Céim ar Aghaidh](http://The GAA's P.E. Céim ar Aghaidh) is a teaching resource and has been developed to assist Primary School Teachers to deliver the Games Strand of the national Physical Educational Curriculum through Gaelic games activities covering Gaelic Football, Hurling/Camogie, Handball and Rounders.

Tá na leaganacha Gaeilge seo de na háiseanna a chur ar fail freisin.

