

## School Crest

Our school crest was designed in 2000 by sixth class student Nathalie Delaney and symbolizes all that is good and positive in our area. The many hobbies and pursuits of the girls are depicted including sport, music and reading. Symbols of Dublin, Ireland and peace are also

incorporated. Our crest adorns our school tracksuit and school sports jerseys. It reminds us of our talents and how proud we are to be from Sheriff Street.

## School Mural

Our school mural was again designed by a student, in 2001. Emma Byrne, a fifth class student won an in-school competition and the mural now greets every visitor to our school as they ascend the stairs. Our school crest is again shown and also paintings of various aspects of school and Sheriff Street life. Our school is rooted in the community and our school mural illustrates that quite vividly.

## History of St. Laurence O'Toole's School

**By Phil Hynes**

It all started in 1717. Before this date this whole area was under water. At that time the Liffey was flowing down where Pearse Street is to-day near "Waste-Land-Row" and joining the River Dodder at Ringsend.

The Dublin Corporation started building the North Wall and East Wall to confine and deepen the bed of the river. They would then own the land which would be reclaimed. This work was finished in 1728. (See Brooking's map of Dublin, published in 1728.)

This parish then is relatively new. It had the name "Newfoundland" until fairly recently. In the Civic Records its official title was "The North Lotts". The members of Dublin Corporation drew lots for dividing the reclaimed land, hence the name. For the rest of the century very little work was done by way of drainage.

In the 1840's the railways were built. This fact is worthy of note as it brought a huge influx of workers into the area. This brought an increase of population and consequently an increase in demand for schools and education in the area.



Peer Tutoring – 6th class girls reading with the 3rd class girls.



Ms Nagle, the principal, introducing Senator Cyprian Brady to the 3rd class.