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# Blues News

Check out our  
club website on  
[www.kevins.ie](http://www.kevins.ie)



## ABC Nursery

Nursery in Loreto Convent,  
Crumlin Rd at 10.30am

A.B.C. stands for Agility, Balance and Coordination. The nursery is suitable for 4 – 7 year olds, born between 2015 – 18. You can check out our Nursery page on the club website for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

## Key Contacts

### ABC Nursery:

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### Juvenile Chairperson:

Gabrielle 086-848 4448

### Treasurer / Membership Queries:

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It was great to see the Cumman na mBunscoil competitions back up and running before the summer break and our local schools participating. Massive congrats to Griffith Barracks Educate Together who won the Corn an Choiglitis in Croke Pk on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Claire Graham was one of the coaches with the team which was dominated by Kevin's players. We also had some players on the successful Scoil Mológa side who took home the Corn Olly Quinlan. Olly was a legendary teacher who coached many Kevins players in the famed Francis St school in the Liberties.

Many thanks to all our coaches, volunteers and participants for making our camps such a great success. We ran 3 camps this year in Loreto College including an Easter Camp, GAA Cúl Camp and Kevins Summer Camp. Keep an eye out for future camps on our website and social media.

Our Under 9 and 11 hurlers and camogs were invited to participate in the opening of the new Faughs pitch in Tymon North over the Summer. We also commemorated the life of Harry Boland who played for and was a founding member of Kevins as a teenager, before eventually moving to Faughs. Pictured are our under 9 girls who found the hurley shape from 100 years ago a little bit odd.

Our Adult hurlers and camogs have kick started their championship campaigns. Our Junior A hurlers are in a good position to qualify for the quarter finals of their championship. Keep an eye out on social media for fixtures and pop up to watch a game. We play our home game in Dolphin Park.

We have also reached the All-Ireland Final in Rounders! Our Ladies and Mixed (ie. Ladies & Gents team) teams will be playing St Clares of Cavan in a double header. Details to be announced, but we expect the games to be played in the GAA Centre of Excellence in Abbottstown on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Support welcome! This is the first All-Ireland final our adult teams have reached since we were established in 1902, so support would be welcome!

As our rounders group grows and has become competitive, we are also recruiting for Social Rounders! This is a more relaxed group for parents or members of the local community to want to give it a go. Please email: [pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie) if interested.





## STAND UP FOR KEVINS

Go for it!  
Join the crew of  
contestants for our  
Stand Up Comedy Night  
coming soon in  
November 2022  
All contestants will be supported with  
training in Stand-up comedy!

Contact Donal Dowling at  
087 9342498 for more details



Our club Lotto is a vital source of income that funds many of the activities we run. Tickets are available on Saturday mornings and you can also play it online via Clubforce which is a secure online application. **The Jackpot stands at €2,900 as at the 5<sup>th</sup> September.**





Kevins Hurling & Camogie Club - Feile Team 2022

Our GPO Macker pictured below with the St James Gaels GPO and social media sensation Abood al Jumaili AKA "Bonnar Maher" at the AIG Ireland Diversity & Inclusion event hosted by Kevins. Abood is doing great work promoting diversity and inclusion around the country. Macker was also on hand to help deliver the recent Foundation Course with Naoise Waldron.



Above is action from HX Festival. Below are the Kevins Mixed Rounders team who beat Erne Eagles in the All-Ireland Semi-Final



Many thanks to our sponsors which helped fund some of the costs associated with Feile nA nGael. Our under 15s performed very well this year reaching their Shield final.

**Coaching Update:** Many thanks to Paul McKenzie and the Coaching & Development Committee for facilitating the coach education in 2022. Their priority is growth and standards. We had over 50 coaches attend the New Foundation Level coaching course in April and May. Many thanks to Naoise Waldron (Dublin County Board GPO) for putting us through our paces, both with the theory and practical coaching tips. You can also log onto our club website for lots of coaching material. We also ran an Additional Needs coaching course in St Catherine's school which was attended by our Kevins Heroes coaches and parents.

As our player participation is on the rise, we need to continuously educate our coaches. In October we will be running a Level 1 Course for Underage, Youth and Adult level. We would encourage all to attend. Keep an eye out for more details on the club website and social media.

**Kevins in The Community:** We have been out and about in the community over the past few weeks. In April we partnered with AIG Ireland, St James Gaels and the Dublin Mosque to introduce young children to the sport of hurling, football and rounders. In May, a number of kids from the ABC Nursery, under 8 and 9 squads provided a hurling demo at the Harold's Cross Festival.

**Healthy Club Update:** We are interested in hearing from you if you have a healthy project idea, or would like to get involved. You can read more on our website or search on **#KevinsHistory** in twitter. Please email [pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie) if interested.

**Healthy Handball:** We trialled handball with a visit to Croke Park recently and it was a great success! If you'd like to get involved email [pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie)

Have you signed up as a member? You can sign up via our Clubforce application. The below are the membership options:



**ABC Nursery Weekly/ Pay As You Go:** €20 initial payment to cover insurance and then pay €3 weekly.



**ABC Nursery Annual:** €100 which includes insurance. This may suit children who attend ABC regularly



**Juvenile Player:** €100 for under 8 upwards. Hurlers and Camógs born in 2014 (or older)



**Family Membership:** €250 which may suit families who have more than one child playing in the club.

**Kevins Heroes:** Our Kevins Heroes group runs every Saturday from 9-10 am in Loreto College. If you would like your child to get involved contact Jenny on 086 891 0914.

**Club Strategy:** We launched a club strategy in 2013 called "Embracing Our Future" and since then our participation rates and activities have more than doubled. We plan to refresh and develop a new strategy in 2023. Would you like to get involved? Please email [pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie) if you are interested.

**Club History:** Kevins were established in 1902 and have been active in the area ever since. We have a long and interesting history, much of which is documented. You can read more on our website or search on **#KevinsHistory** in twitter. However, we are seeking volunteers who may have an interest or expertise in putting a history book together. Please email [pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie) if you are interested.

**Socials and Fundraisers:** Many thanks to all those who made our recent Golf Classic and Social Night in the Lower Deck such a great success. It was lovely to catch up with so many members as we haven't had a night out since lockdown. Our next event is a **Stand Up for Kevins**. There are plenty of witty characters in the club and some who might be tempted to kick start a career in stand-up comedy. More details overleaf.

**Volunteering:** Did you know our club is growing in numbers and activities and is run by volunteers? Can you help out in any capacity for an hour **the odd Saturday morning?** Help direct traffic (get to wear a high-vis!), help a child put a helmet on, assist (and join in the fun) at a drill station. These are just examples of the many small and important ways you can help. No heavy commitment necessary, but your child's club needs you to contribute in some way! There may be a project listed above you are interested in that doesn't involve coaching or Saturday mornings. Please contact our Juvenile Chairperson Gabrielle Breathnach on 086 848 4448 to volunteer.

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