

Enya Ryan

My name is Enya Ryan. I am eight years old and I live in Railway View. I have a younger sister, Gráinne and a little brother, Jack. I am in second class in the Sacred Heart Primary School and my teacher's name is Mrs. Ryan. I like school. My hobbies are reading and watching TV, especially athletics.

Last year I went to the CBS field with my friend Aoife. Kitty England and Christy Ferncombe were training people to run. I ran in a race for the first time and I won. I really enjoyed that. Soon afterwards I ran in the local Community Games and won the 60m and 80m under 8 races. In the County Games in Thurles I came first in the 80m race and qualified to go to the Community Games All-Ireland Finals in Mosney. That was very, very exciting. All my family came to see me. First of all I had to run in the heats one day and in the semi-finals and final the next day. Everybody was excited when I won the gold medal. I had to stand on a special platform and a band played music when I was presented with my medal. Kitty and Christy were very happy.

I also ran in the Munster Athletic Finals in Cork, where I didn't win any medals, but I hope to soon have as many medals as my Grandad, Sean, who lives in Ballygarry. He won his medals for cross-country running.

My heroine is Sonia O'Sullivan and my dream is to run in the Olympics.



Enya with her young sister, Gráinne.

