<u>THE APRON</u>
A LITTLE HISTORY

The principle use of a woman's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was much easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons required less material to make.

But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears!

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy children, and when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchens in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

The apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds!

When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

This Gaelscoil School Apron has a picture drawn and signed by each child and staff member in the school for the year 2012/13 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the school.

ENJOY WEARING THIS UNIQUE APRON!

AN T-APRÚN
BEAGÁN STAIRE

An phríomh úsáid a bhaintí as an aprún ná gúna na mná a chosaint mar nach raibh ach cúpla ceann aici. Bhí sé i bhfad níos éasca aprún a ní seachas gúna agus bhí níos lú éadaigh ag teastáil chun aprún a dhéanamh.

Chomh maith leis air, bhaintí úsáid as chun stáin a bhí te a thógáil ón oigheann.

Bhí sé ar fheabhas chun deora pháistí a thirimiú agus fiú chun cluasa salacha a ghlanadh!

Bhí an t-aprún an-áisiúil freisin chun uibheacha úra nó sicíní cáiréiseacha a iompar ó chró na gcearc nó chun uibheacha nach raibh réidh go hiomlán a iompar go dtí an t-oigheann le críochnú ann.

Nuair a tháinig cuairteoirí, bhí páistí cúthaileacha in ann an t-aprún a úsáid chun dul i bhfolach faoi.

Nuair a bhí an aimsir fuar, d'úsáid bean an tí é chun a lámha a choiméad te.

Bhí na seanaprúin mhóra an-áisiúil chun an t-allas a bhaint den éadan, nuair a bhí sí cromtha thar oigheann mór adhmaid.

Thugtaí brosna chun an cistine san aprún céanna. D'iompair sé gach saghas glasra ón ngairdín. Nuair a bhí na píseanna bainte, úsáideadh an t-aprún chun an craiceann a chaitheamh amach.

Úsáideadh an t-aprún chun úlla a thabhairt isteach tar éis dóibh titim de na crainn úll. Nuair a bhí cuairteoirí gan choinne ar an slí, bhí an t-aprún in ann an smúit a bhaint de líon mór troscán ar nós na gaoithe!

Nuair a bhí an dinnéar réidh, shiúladh bean an tí amach sa phóirse, chroitheadh sí a haprún san aer, agus bhíodh fhios ag na fir a bhí ag obair 'sna páirceanna go raibh sé in am dóibh teacht isteach.

Is deacair a shamhailt go dtiocfadh leithéid an tseanaprúin ar an saol arís, nó rud ar bith a bheadh chomh háisiúil céanna leis.

Ar Aprún Scoile na Gaelscoile, tá pictiúr beag déanta agus sínithe ag gach páiste agus ball foirne den scoilbhliain 2012-2013, mar cheiliúradh ar 30 bliain na scoile.

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