



Mr. Hayes' 5<sup>th</sup> Class,  
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Dublin 5.

17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The Gaelic Athletic Association (G.A.A),  
Hogan Stand,  
Jones Road,  
Dublin 3.

To the Gaelic Athletic Association,

We are writing this letter because we are currently learning about the tragedy of Bloody Sunday that occurred in Croke Park on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1920. We are working alongside another class, Mr. Cody's 4<sup>th</sup> Class in Our Lady of Wayside, Bluebell, Co. Dublin. We wish to raise awareness about a particular victim of Bloody Sunday, Joseph Traynor who tragically passed away in Croke Park on this day, he was just twenty years old. He is buried in Bluebell Cemetery, Inchicore.

Mr. Cody and his class have contacted us in an effort to commemorate the life of Joseph Traynor. As you already know, Joseph Traynor was a labourer who frantically fled the scene but was sadly shot twice in the back. He tragically died later that day.

Although we recognise that Joseph is buried in a marked grave, Mr. Cody has informed us that the grave isn't well marked. When Mr. Cody visited the cemetery, he found Traynor's grave quite difficult to find. We believe, as a class, that Joseph Traynor's grave deserves more attention and respect. As a result, we would strongly appreciate if you would consider one or some of the following actions.

Firstly, we discussed that a sign or a plaque at Bluebell Cemetery would be appreciated. This would notify people that a victim of Bloody Sunday is buried here. Secondly, we have considered that photographs of Joseph Traynor could be placed at his graveside, on his anniversary, the 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thirdly, a minute of silence for Traynor, and the other victims of Bloody Sunday could be considered. Perhaps this could occur when Tipperary next face Dublin in Croke Park or at the upcoming All-Ireland football final. Fourthly, we thought that a path of remembrance, leading to Traynor's grave would be suitable and honorable. Finally, a map on the outside of the cemetery would be helpful for those trying to locate his grave.

As we recognise that this is a big ask of the G.A.A, we as a class have decided to assist you in any funds required to honour Joseph Traynor. As the centenary of Bloody Sunday is fast approaching, we would appreciate a prompt reply. Upon this reply, we will assist you in raising the funds required by running a fundraiser alongside Mr. Cody's class.

We hope that you will consider one or more of our proposals for honouring the death of Joseph Traynor. With this letter we have attached our own individual letters that we have completed in class, outlining our propositions and requests. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Hayes' 5<sup>th</sup> Class.

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