

# Ringfort

Today we went to a ringfort in Ballyara. It was in the middle of a field beside a hdy well called St. Patrick's well. We walked around the ringfort and found a lot of daisys and a few For get me nots. We also found a lot of nettles which means this ringfort has been used and not preserved. We measured using tapes and poles. We found out the est was the highest and we measured one of the fosses and it was 6m in width and 3.14m in length so the total area was 18.84m. The circumference of the ringfort is 35m and the entrance to the ringfort is in the South-East and measures 2.5 metres. Near the castle there was hills running from the ringfort to close to the castle. We believe that the hills have just grown over a tunnel that used to be there when the ringfort was made. So they could escape from the ringforts. Some ringforts were made to keep animals enclosed at night time they would bring the animals in but during the day they would keep them in the ringfort. They kept them in a ringfort because it kept the animals from being stolen. because back then cattle raids were very popular and cows were quite popular and valuable. We had a great day and learnt lots of information.