

# Hey Presto!

**Siobhán Kearns** brings a little magic to her sons 6th birthday party.

The birthday party – it creeps up on me every year and each year I say this is the year I’m taking it out of the house, but then I think of all the fun myself and my son Oisín have deciding on the theme, decorations, and activities. All of this makes the days leading up to the event seem like part of the celebration itself, so this year was no exception.

## It’s all in the preparation

Our theme was Superheroes – and with all the hype surrounding the newly released *Avengers* and the upcoming *Spiderman* movies, hunting down these type of props wasn’t a difficult task. We spent our evenings in the run up to the party making Superhero bunting, cocktail stick flags and the special touch – superhero party bags. But I wanted the “Wow” factor and having recently been at my nephew’s communion where his mum had hired a party entertainer for the children I thought, “that’s just what I need”.



Laura Gallagher is based in Wicklow town and runs her own kids entertainment company called *Hey Presto Parties*. From my first conversation with Laura she showed her enthusiasm and love for what she does. I gave her all the usual details for the party, the time, place, number of children expected but she also asked if there was a special theme, what music Oisín liked. All these finer details added to the fun and surprise on the day.

## Let the fun begin

When the day of party finally arrived and with the activities sorted the pressure off me and I found was able to sit back and really enjoy the party.

Laura arrived dressed as a superhero and immediately got the kids interested by introducing herself from the Hey Presto school of magic. As promised she came prepared for the requests for “Ironman, Spiderman and Batman and the boys, especially were made up with the superhero faces.

The children took over the microphone, singing their favourite songs while Laura painted faces. Next came the party games where all the children joined in, dancing, bursting bubbles with modelling balloon swords and playing pass the parcel to name a few. I think the highlight though was the magic show and the children were amazed with the magic tricks, and all enjoyed volunteering to be in the act. Laura finished the show by handing out individual certificates from the Hey Presto School of Magic to each child.

## A memorable day

For me it was money well spent seeing the



excitement on the children’s faces and allowing me to get the party food ready and waiting on the table for the hungry little superheroes. I think it really shows when someone so obviously loves what they are doing and everyone at the party absolutely loved Laura, including the adults. The kids were completely captivated by Laura’s funny and highly entertaining show as well as her creativity in face painting and balloon modelling. And all the children got to take home with them a modelled balloon, a certificate of magic and their little superhero face!



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