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St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We have had a very busy two months and I think we are all looking forward to our Halloween break next week!

Last week we had an intensive two days as our school had a curriculum inspection of English. We had one weeks' notice for this major inspection but I am pleased to report that the Cigire Nicholas Cosgrove found the school to be of a very high standard. He complimented our focus on writing, the comprehension strategies, use of the library and the Eyrecourt Examiner. The last time our school had such an inspection was 2004. The teachers had to teach for an hour each, senior pupils were taken out for a "focus group", pupils were questioned in class and asked to read aloud, pupils work, teachers notes and the school plan was also examined. Well done to the pupils and teachers for all their hard work and communicating it so well to the inspector. The report on the school will be published online in the next few months.

Behind all of that there has been unbelievable support for our Monster raffle and children's Halloween disco. Thank you to all those who have sold raffle tickets, donated prizes and secured sponsorship.

Yours sincerely,

School Principal

Kids Halloween Fancy Dress Disco & Monster Raffle Draw

This year's Parents Association Halloween Disco will be followed by the Monster Raffle. There has been a great response to the draw and currently there are only 3 books of tickets left in the school!

The prizes can be checked on www.eyrecourtns.ie/donate and we have sent home lists of prizes to help the selling of tickets. We will send another list this week.

Ticket stubs and money should be back by Friday latest and if you have difficulty selling your full book of tickets, try and send back what you have early in the week and the tickets can be sold by someone else before the raffle.

We are also running a sellers raffle (for the pupils of the school) and will enter a ticket in the sellers name for every ticket sold.



Upcoming Events

October 28

School Halloween Dress-Up

Oct 31st- Nov 4th

Halloween Mid-term break

November 23rd & 24th

Parent/Teacher Meetings

November 23

Cash For Clobber Collection

Check out the full calendar on www.eyrecourtns.ie

Money collections:

Some money still outstanding
Music

€20 to Christmas
(1st class to 6th class)



Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber this year will be on **Wednesday the 23rd of November**. Gather any old clothes, bed linen, shoes and fill the bags we send home this week. The last few years have generated €800 each which were spent on Green Schools and teacher resources. It's a very pain free, hassle free way of making funds for the school.

The path of our donated clothes is very interesting and more information can be found on www.cashforclobber.ie

I have seen donated clothes sold in markets in India, Morocco and Tanzania and our unwanted clothes provide real livelihoods and great fashion for people in many 3rd world countries.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



It is much too early to be mentioning Christmas, however the shoeboxes have a long way to travel and need to be packed now. The forms and labels will be distributed this week and the boxes will be collected after the Halloween break.

This is a very worthwhile activity and our pupils have been very generous towards other less fortunate children down through the years.

Congratulations!



We are delighted to see pupils past and present winning county titles this month.

This weekend saw the U11 Meelick/Eyrecourt camogie team win their county final in a replay. Congratulations to Niamh, Ellen, Eva, Ellie, Amy, Leah, Molly, Jennifer, Jane, Róisín, Enya, Kayla and Jasmine who were part of a very strong team.

There was huge excitement last week with the winning of the Minor County title by Meelick/Eyrecourt hurling club. Of course there was tough opposition from Craughwell but it was a well deserved win.

Many of these boys were instrumental in some of our school silverware including the Mini-7s trophy of 2013 and numerous county titles. We are very proud of our past pupils and wish the team every success in the future along with their parents and trainers.



School Activities

- PE / Tracksuit days
Infants & 1st : Thursdays
2nd – 4th : Thursdays
5th/6th: Monday
- Hurling & Camogie
Mon lunch: 2nd-6th
Tues lunch: Infants & 1st
Tues 3-4pm: 2nd-6th
Thurs lunch: 1st-4th