

EYRE COURT EXAMINER!

Decision Time for 6th Class!

On January 16th 2012 Mr. Derry Long (principal of Portumna Community School) arrived at our school to talk to the 6th class pupils about why his school is the school the 6th should pick for 2nd level. There are 450 pupils in the school. The school has a wide range of subjects to offer. In Transition year students can learn Chinese which sounds

very interesting. The 6th class have a tough decision to make! The 5th class also got to listen into Mr. Long and they were very impressed!

On January 18th 2012 Mr. Paddy Scales (principal of Banagher College) came to our school. He also had a wide range of subjects. Like French and German. There are 500 students in his school. 2nd years

went to Paris as a school trip. We were impressed by both schools and we will have to go to the two open nights.

By Caroline Murphy.



Mr. Scales and 6th class. (above) Photo taken by Katelyn Davis.

Our Crocus Project.

Last year 5th and 6th class planted crocuses to remember the Jews that died in the concentration camps. The pupils of 5th and 6th class planted the crocuses at the

front of our school in the shape of the star of David. They will come out with yellow flower in spring.

By Mairéad Fleming.



5th and 6th class planting crocuses.

Photo taken by James Lyons.

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Sr. Annette comes to Eyrecourt.

On January 25th Sr. Annette Farrell came to our school. Sr. Annette used to teach in Banagher collage. Sr. Annette went to Tanzania in Africa to help people build primary and secondary schools. She teaches in one of the schools. If a child was lucky they would get a textbook because the government are very corrupt. The teachers have to buy the books which are very expensive because the language spoken in Tanzania and some parts of Kenya is Swahili. It is a very tough way to live and in some classes there is up to 120 pupils in the class. There aren't

enough teachers or books because the country is very poor. But Sr. Annette has changed the lives of a lot of people by giving them an education. The people out there think she is magic. It is a very different way of life and Sr. Annette is a very brave woman!

By Caroline Murphy.



Photo taken by Ms. Treacy.

Fran Lyons.

We welcome Fran Lyons our new SNA to the school. She just started and has been a great help. She is here since about December and we wish her well for the coming months and years.

Fran Lyons
(pictured left)

Photo taken by Katelyn Davis.



Miss Larkin (pictured above)

Photo taken by Olivia Reilly.

Miss Larkin.

Miss Larkin is a new teacher in our school who teaches every Monday. She started a few weeks ago and is very nice teacher. She enjoys her job and is very happy here in St. Brendan's N.S.

By Caroline Murphy.

Hello from the Editor and Sub-Editor.

Welcome everybody to our first issue of the Eyrecourt Examiner. Our January issue. I wish you the best of luck and I hope you enjoy it.

Editor Juliet Kennedy and sub-Editor Jordan Dunican.

Cruise Disaster

The Costa Concordia ran aground off the island of Giglio in Italy on Friday evening 13th January last. The luxury cruise had approximately 4000 passengers and crew on board. It is thought that the captain was sailing in an irresponsible manner when the liner hit rocks and ran aground. A junior officer said that for approximately the first forty minutes after the impact the ship stayed upright.

Families have been devastated with eleven people dead and over twenty still missing feared dead as of Wednesday 18th January.

Some believe that the captain was greeting some friends on the island with the ship's horn at the time. A tradition which appears to have begun when a wife of a senior officer lived on the island. He would take the ship close to the island to greet her and the captain Francesco Schettino who was responsible for this cruise liner wanted to salute in a similar manner. The captain may be charged with manslaughter. It appears that he left the ship without giving orders to evacuate to the passengers and the crew. However the second officer gave the order.

It will be the first and last luxury cruise for many

passengers who survived including an Irish couple who feared they might lose their lives as the cruise liner ran aground. They were so sure they were going to die that they wrote a note to their children saying they loved them. They were repeatedly told it was an electrical problem but it was obvious it was a much bigger problem. They arrived back in Dublin to be greeted by family and friends.

By Shane Kearns.

Under 11 Hurling 2011.

This year the Meelick Eyrecourt under 11 hurling team played in two tournaments. The Turloughmore and the Vinny Flynn tournaments. They played five matches in the Turloughmore competition beating the host club in the final. The team received wristbands for competing.

The team qualified for the final of the prestigious Vinny Flynn tournament beating heavy hitters such as Tommy Larkins, Leitrim/Kilnadeema and Por-

tumna along the way. In the final they lost out to a tremendous Ardrahan team by the minimum margin but Nathan Earner received the man of the match award which was some consolation for the team. Great heart can also be taken from the fact that many Galway minor players played in the Vinny Flynn tournament finals through the years.

All looks good for the future of hurling in Meelick Eyrecourt taking into account the small

numbers of children of in the parish.

By Conor Larkin.



Meelick Eyrecourt Crest.

GAA 2012 Meelick Eyrecourt.

2012 brings a new year of hurling and camoige to Meelick Eyrecourt.

Let us begin by naming the managers of the juvenile club:

U8-Dermot Duffy & Richie Campbell

U10-Paddy Larkin & Willie Kelly

U12-Basil Larkin & Paddy Larkin

U14-Alan Connaghton & Gay Lyons

U16- Brendan Treacy & Ted Larkin

This is the committee:

Chairman-Tommy Neylon

Secretary-Aengus Byrne

Treasurer- Kathleen Treacy

Now let's move on to the Camoige Club:

U8-Susan Earner

U10-Basil Larkin

U12-TBC

U14- Brendan Flannery, Brendan Treacy & Deirdre Burke.

U16- Joan Poland

Chairperson -Susan Earner

Secretary-Deirdre Burke

Treasurer-Eilish Ryan

We all look forward to meeting our friends, playing camoige & hurling, going to training and matches & and having fun! Let's hope that the New Year brings happiness, success, hard work and fun to this parish.

By Niamh Treacy.

TALIBAN PEACE.

20 or so Taliban rebels, including a key commander joined the Afghan government at a ceremony in Ghazni Province as part of a new peace process. RPGs, machine guns and grenades were among the arsenal they handed over. Fighting has raged in the most violent Province of Helmand since 2006, but in the past year there have been dozens of re-integration ceremonies there. De-

spite the obvious willingness of these men to turn their backs on violence, there were still grim signs that peace is still a long way away, when a helicopter crashed and one of the Taliban said that they shot it down. On the other hand the police said that it was technical problems that caused the helicopter to crash. Its unlikely that they shot it down because in the past they have said

that they shot down helicopters that were actually brought down by technical problems. The troops are due to come home in 2015 but if peace can be brought to Afghanistan now then hopefully they'll be coming home earlier.

By Eoghan McCormack

Russell Brand and Katy Perry Split up.

Russell Brand and Katy Perry have announced that they are divorced, after only 14 months of marriage. Russell Brand announced the divorce on December 30th to the public. People were very shocked and so were friends of the two. He made a video display of removing his wedding ring after the split, Katy Perry dyed her hair blue and also had been seen without her wedding ring. Sources close to Katy Perry and Russell Brand revealed the pair were constantly bickering, The couple never really spent a lot of time together due to their hectic schedules, so it is no surprise that they decided to split!!

By Eilis Conroy.

Beyoncé has baby girl.

Beyoncé and Jay-Z had had their first baby on January 8th 2012. It was a girl and they have called her Blue Ivy Carter. The proud parents are showering the young baby with expensive gifts and are said to have brought a \$600,000 solid gold rocking horse ,a \$15,000 crystal encrusted high chair and father Jay-Z has written a song dedicated to Blue Ivy.

By Rebecca Loughnane.

The Saturdays Gossip.

JLS star Marvin Humes and Saturday's singer Rochelle Wiseman are engaged, the pair have confirmed.

The boy band member popped the question today during the pair's holiday in the Caribbean, with each pop star excitedly taking to twitter to reveal the news.

The pair first got together in early 2010, but split later that year. They reconciled in January 2011 before eventually moving in together.

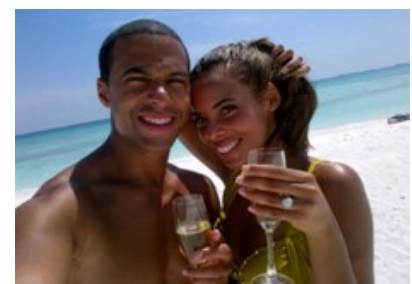
Meanwhile Irish pop star Una

Healy from the girl group The Saturdays has revealed that she is expecting a baby girl with partner Ben Foden. The Thurles born star has also announced her engagement to the England rugby star. Looks like it could be a couple of busy months for the girls from The Saturdays.

By Nessa Dolan.



Una Healy and Ben Foden.
(Pictured above)



Rochelle Wiseman and Marvin Humes. (Pictured above)

Spikeball Tournaments.

Boys Spikeball match.

On Thursday 24th of January 5th and 6th class went to Loughrea to play a spikeball tournament. There were 6 teams altogether. Eyrecourt had 2 teams. On team 1 there was James Lyons, John Fleming, James Mullery, Matthew Martin, Shane Kearns and Killian Dunne and on team 2 was Nathan Earner, Eoghan Mc Cormack, Graham Mullery, Jor-

dan Dunican, Conor Larkin and Shane O Quigley. Eyrecourt 1 and 2 got to the semi final but they both lost. Eyrecourt 1 came third and Eyrecourt 2 came forth in the tournament. We all had a good time and we all really enjoyed it.



By Mairéad Fleming.

Boys Spikeball Matches Loughrea.

Photo taken by Olivia Reilly.

Girls Spikeball Tournament.

On the 30th of January 5th and 6th class girls went to Loughrea for a spikeball tournament. There was eight teams altogether. Eyrecourt had two teams. On team 1 there Niamh Treacy, Shauna Kenny, Mairéad Fleming, Caroline Murphy, Katelyn Davis and Chantelle Hughes. On team 2 there was Rebecca Loughnane, Eilís Conroy, Juliet Kennedy, Alison Rosney and Katie Salmon. Eyrecourt 1 came 2nd and Eyrecourt 2 also came 2nd. We all had a good time and we really enjoyed the day!

By Mairéad Fleming.



Girls Spikeball match Loughrea.

Photo taken by Olivia Reilly.

Swimming Time!

Friday January 20th we started swimming. We are going to Birr this year for a change. Everyone from 1st to 6th class goes. We will be going for six weeks. It is €6 for swimming and the bus which is good value. So have fun just always be safe near the water!

By Shauna Kenny.



Birr Leisure centre.

Photo taken by James Lyons.

MAN. UTD. VS ARSENAL 22/01/12

Arsenal lost 2-1 to Manchester Utd. at Emirates Stadium on Sunday last. The game was evenly balanced until 9 minutes from time when Danny Welbeck scored the winning goal.

At the stroke of half time, Antonio Valencia headed home a brilliant cross from Ryan Giggs to give Man. Utd. a well deserved lead. Arsenal equalized in the 71st minute as Alex Oxlade Chamberlain set up Robin van Persie to fire home his 23rd score of the campaign.

Both sides were fighting hard in the dying stages, Arsenal to move into the top four and Man. Utd. to keep the pace on their close rivals, Man. City. Eventually Man. Utd. came out on top with Welbecks goal.

The match was not without controversy as the Gunner fans directed their anger at Arsenal manager, Arsene Wenger when he sent Oxlade- Chamberlain to the bench and substituted him with Arshavin. Even the Arsenal captain shouted "NO" in disbelief at this move. All in all this was an enjoyable match with the usual dose of premier league drama!

By Matthew Martin.

Man City Vs. Tottenham.

On Sunday 15th of January there was a big match at the Etihad Stadium. Man City were playing Tottenham Hotspur. It ended as 3-2 to Man city. The players who scored were Nasri 56th minute , Lescott 59th minute, Defoe 60th, Bale 65th and Baloteli 5th and 90th minute. Baloteli took a shot. Scott parker blocked it and fell on the ground. Baloted tried to get his balance. He kicked Scott Parker near the head by accident. But then Baloteli stamped his right foot in Scott's face. The referee dosen't see it so Baliteli gets away with it. After about ten minutes Baloteli gets a penalty and scored it. Final score 3-2.

By John Fleming.