

EYRE COURT EXAMINER!

Healthy Eating The Dentist and the BCG

The 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils are doing a survey about healthy eating. A student from NUIG in Galway came to our school. Her name was Ruth Stewart. She is doing masters in Nutrition and Psychology. We filled in a questionnaire and watched a DVD about healthy food and snacks that you can make such as fruit kebabs, fruit salad, vegetable salad, beans on toast, brown bread, brown crackers, sultanas and raisins. Ruth will be coming back to our school on Tuesday 1st May and she will be seeing if we thought more about healthy eating.

Rebecca Loughnane and Eilís Conroy.

On Friday the 20th April two dentists from Ballinasloe came to examine the 6th class pupils teeth. All good reports for everyone and the dentists were very impressed with our teeth

On the week after our Confirmation 5th and 6th class will be getting our BCG. First we will have to get a skin test to make sure we can get it. We are a little nervous but I'm sure it will be fine.

Caroline Murphy

School Tours 2012

All the boys and girls in Eyrecourt N.S. are looking forward going on their school tours. None of the classes know where they are going but 5th and 6th class know they are going to an adventure centre. We hope all the children enjoy their school tours.

John Fleming

Interview with Bishop

On Monday 23rd the Bishop came to 5th and 6th to talk about Confirmation. I managed to get a quick interview with him, "Have you been Bishop for long?" "I've been Bishop for 24 Years." "Do you enjoy it?" "Yes and no I like it some of the time

and other times I just don't like it." "I have to ask this now. Will we feel any different after Confirmation?" "No you won't feel any different but you will be different"

Shane Kearns



St Brendan's NS

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Special points of interest:

☺ A Trip To Croker.

☺ Victory for the Girls

☺ Easter Egg Raf-fle

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G'day from Australia.

G'day everyone,

I am having a blast in Perth. The flight was about 24 hours, but it didn't feel that long as we watched movies, played games and slept. As we arrived in Perth we were met by Lee Ann, Kenny and our cousin Enda. We were very excited and are staying in Lee Ann's house.

We took it easy the next day and went to City Beach where we went body boarding. We went to Fremantle Prison (www.fremantleprison.com.au). Next day we headed to Caversham Wildlife Park. We got to see loads of animals and there was kangaroos and koalas that were tamed so we got to pet them and feed them. Good Friday we went to a Western Force Rugby match that was very good.

We went up to Kings Park where there are beautiful scenes of Perth and went up at night

time also to see all the city lights. On Sunday we all went to Adventure World where we went on loads of water slides and some you slide down with a ring tube and some were double ring tubes it was so much fun. Daddy especially loved the slides!!! We went go-karting is well. Yesterday we went to Rottnest Island and we did a 20km cycle around the island, there are no cars only bicycles and tour buses and quokkas,. Quokkas are an island animal and are what appeared

to be a cross between a rat and a very small kangaroo, funny looking things!!! They were hopping around everywhere. We did a lot of snorkelling at different parts around the island the sea was a gorgeous aqua blue colour and there were very unusual tropical fish. As the Aussies would say it was awesome!!

Tomorrow we are travelling down south our first stop is a place called Bumberry, then were heading to Magaret River where Lee Ann, Kenny and a few of their friends are meeting us for the weekend. They are going to bring us fishing. We plan then to travel do Augusta and finally onto Albany before heading back to Perth. Alot of driving is going to be done!!!

That's all the news for now,

See ye all soon, hope ye are not working too hard in school!!!!

James

Email sent from James Lyons 6th class on a 4 week holiday in Australia.

James has now returned to school but still has a tan!

Confirmation Preparation.

The 5th and 6th are very busy preparing for their confirmation. With only two weeks to go till the big day we are all working very hard on our scrapbooks. The scrapbooks is almost done and is looking great so far. We are also very busy doing art for the church, rehearsing our songs and doing odd jobs for Ms. Treacy. We

are getting very excited and looking forward to the big day.

Nessa Dolan

Holy Communion.

This year the 2nd class communion will take place on the 13th of May at 11 O'clock in Clonfert Church. Clonfert and Eyrecourt will be making together. There is 20 making the first Holy Com-

munion. They have been practising hard for their big day. I'm sure they are all very excited and we hope they will enjoy the day.

Olivia Reilly

Sheep poo covers the school.

Last Monday the whole school saw that the pitch was covered in sheep poo. We still don't know who owns the sheep. We think it was done on purpose that someone walked them in the gate and left them in the pitch to eat the grass. Poor Nathan and James Mullery had to clean up the poo.

Graham Mullery.

Cake Sale

On the 27th of March we held our annual cake sale and raffle. We had all kinds of cakes and buns that were beautifully decorated. Parents were bringing cakes from 9 o' clock in the morning. Some parents priced them and laid them out beautifully. The 6th class pupils prepared small bags of goodies for the junior and senior infants which they could buy for 2 euro. The older children came in after the adults to purchase cakes and buns. Within a short time everything was sold. *Eilis Conroy.*

Easter Egg Raffle

Before the Easter Holidays, every person in the school came into Ms Treacy's room for an Easter egg raffle. 61 eggs were up for grabs as just about in the school bought some tickets. A lot of people won eggs, some people even won two eggs, or three, even a few Teachers won some eggs too. It was a great day and I'm sure a lot of us had full tum-

Victory for the girls.

On Friday the 27th of April we were playing our championship blitz in Kiltormer. We were shaking with excitement but nervous about our rival teams. Our first match was against Woodford they were good but they were not good enough for Eyrecourt team. The final score was 4-2 to no score. We were delighted with our first victory. Our next team to play was Duniry. Our substitute managers

for the day, Fran Lyons and Mr. Barrett said that Duniry was a tough team to beat. But we proved them wrong. We bet them by 9 goals to no score. The final game of the day was against Ardrahan. The girls were getting nervous at this stage for Ardrahan were a tough team and were fouling a lot from dirty play. Eyrecourt scored non-stop. In the end the score was 4-1 to -1. Eyrecourt are raring to go in the final.

Niamh Treacy, Shauna Kenny and Nessa Dolan

Feile Ceoil.

On Tuesday 27th of March our school entered the Féile Ceoil in Athlone at the Dean Crowe Theatre. While the infants to second class put on a great show with their poem and great songs, we were waiting nervously to go on. Then suddenly an other group was coming off stage and we had to go on. We were all put on the stage

and from 3rd to 6th we were put in our places and then the curtain went up. We sang our songs, played our music and did our rap and it was all over before we knew it, and everyone was proud and had a great time. Now people can't wait till next year.

Shauna Kenny.

A Trip to Croker

On Thursday 12th of April Meelick Eyrecourt U12s went to play a blitz in Croke Park. It was part of a scheme set up a few years ago by the GAA to give U12s all over the country a chance to play in the national stadium.

Only the oldest 24 could play on the hallowed turf so some younger players couldn't play but they will hopefully play in a few years. On arrival in Croker we were split up into 2 even teams. Team 1 were in a group with Mullagh 2, Tommy Larkins and Liam Mellows and

team 2 were in a group with Kiltormer, Castlegar, and Mullagh 1.

Both teams performed extremely well and won all their matches. After the matches we were given lunch in the premium level of the Cusack Stand. After that we were given a tour of the stadium and the GAA museum. In the museum there was an interactive area where you could

test your skill level. Our mentors got more fun trying to beat each other's speed of their strike of the sliotar. We went up to the top tier and the people on the pitch looked like ants! On the way home we went to Apple green and had another lunch. It was a great experience for everyone and we all had great craic.

Conor Larkin



Right: Selection of photos from Easter Egg hunts and raffle

Mini 7's Final

The Day Before

On the 28th of March 2012 the Eyrecourt squad are on their toes hopping around the school and it is not because of the Easter Raffle. It was because of the huge county mini 7's final the next day. The other teams in our group are Athenry boys NS and Oramore boys NS. From what we had heard Athenry are small but we were not sure. We got a call from our trainer Ogie that his son broke his hand and he won't be able to come. So Basil Larkin was to be over us for the day. But to make things worse Basil was getting his Van's MOT test at 11:30, the same time as our first match! We have a strong team of Matthew, John, Niall, Nathan, Conor, Colin, Tiernan, Shane Kearns, Shane O Quigley and Graham. Our star midfielder leaves for Australia tomorrow morning but we feel the above team is still a winning combination. We've had a whole year of intense training in and out of school. We played tough Banagher team on a challenge match and we are ready for the big test tomorrow.

Conor, Graham and Nathan

Right:

Mini 7s and ice cream "after-party"

Katelyn & Olivia

The Day After

On the 28 of March Eyrecourt school hurling team played in the mini 7's finals in Carabane. Our first match was against Oramore boy's school. We beat them 3-8 to no score. Then we watched the Athenry Vs. Oramore match. Athenry won the match. Then we played against Athenry. Athenry beat us by 2 goals. Athenry went on to win the group. Killeenean won out the final so they go on to the Connaught's. Hopeful we will be back in it next year!

Matthew, Conor and Nathan.



Eyrecourt Twinning group

Eyrecourt twinning group are twinned with Gouesnach, in France for the past 20 years. This year a group from Gouesnach came to visit Eyrecourt on the 31st of March and stayed with various families in the parish for a week. When they arrived there was a meal prepared for them which they really enjoyed after their long journey. On Sunday they went to Kil-

kenny to watch Galway vs. Kilkenny in the hurling league unfortunately Galway were well beaten on the day.

They went on various trips throughout the week including places as the Burren, the Portumna workhouse and Bord Na Mona. The visitors hosted a French evening in the day care centre where they treated all the

guests with French food, wine & entertainment. Next year it's Eyrecourts turn to return to Gouesnach. Over the years many groups have travelled to France and had a great time and I am sure next year will be no different. Well done to all the committee involved.

Niamh Treacy.