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Recently a group was formed in Eyrecourt to hopefully develop a new playground. It was decided to gather information about



Who are these people? Why is their hair like this?

Mad Hair Day raised €150 for the children of the Philippines!

Notifications

We would like to remind school pupils that we are continuing our Children Helping Children donations. You can put 20c in the donation box in the classroom and it will buy 5 school dinners for children in 3rd world countries.

If you would like to place an ad in the Eyrecourt Examiner you can email us at eyrecourtexaminer@gmail.com or you can speak to our principal Ms Treacy. You can also visit our website at <http://www.eyrecourtexaminer.weebly.com>



it's
Christmas
time!


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TIME

Editorial

Hello and welcome to the Eyrecourt Examiner special Christmas Edition. It is our biggest edition ever and even includes 2 puzzle pages, a page full of horoscopes, a page full of stories and an exclusive interview with Ciarán Cannon. You're in for a treat with lots of holiday articles and interesting school news. You never

know, your picture could be included in this edition. Unfortunately after the Christmas break I will be replaced by a new head editor who will be doing a trial newspaper in January. Her name is Chantelle Hughes and I am sure she will do a great job on the newspaper and you will all enjoy reading

it. Also this month David Kennedy is doing part 2 of his Late Late Toy Show article. Well as Santa once said, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight".

From your Editor, Saoirse Larkin

Sub-editors:

Chantelle Hughes, Mark Larkin and David Kennedy.

The Great Rugby Victory

The 7th and 8th of December was the most historical weekend of Irish rugby when all four provinces won their Heineken cup matches. The game that most interested me was Connacht vs Toulouse .

Toulouse have a budget of 34.8 million every season and Connacht only have 2.5 million of

a budget . So as you can see Toulouse can afford better players than Connacht .

Let's hope Connacht can do the same next week in Galway. Well done Connacht !!!!

Munster, Leinster and Ulster also won their games.

Munster beat Perpignan 38-8, Leinster beat

Northampton 40-7 and Ulster beat Treviso 48-0. Let's hope the Irish provinces can win all their games next week!!!!!!!

Oisín Neylon



The Worlds most Valuable Clubs of 2013

1. Manchester United 1.17 billion pounds

2. Real Madrid 916 million pounds

3. Arsenal 753 million pounds

4. Bayern Munich 662 million pounds

5. Barcelona 616 million pounds

6. AC Milan 529 million pounds

7. Chelsea 415 million pounds

8. Juventus 397 million pounds

9. Liverpool 349 million pounds

10. Inter Milan 279 million pounds

If only Meelick Eyrecourt hurling club was

worth 1.17 billion Euro...or even 1 million Euro!

Colin Downey



UK Snooker Championship

Hurling and Camogie has almost come to a close for 2013 with the next important club games in Feb next year.

So for this week we will focus on the UK Snooker Championship that had us glued to the tv over the last couple of weeks.

The tournament was run from Nov 26th to Dec 8th from the Barbican Centre in York.

It started with 128 players and it was eventually narrowed down to four for the semi final stages.

The Semi-Finals were the best of 17 frames.

In the first of two games it was world no.1 Neil Robertson v Stuart Bingham. The first session ended 5-3 to Neil Robertson.

In the second session Neil Robertson led 8-3 and it looked like he was going to win but Stuart Bingham didn't give up and fought back and leveled it at 8-8. In the decider Robertson

played brilliant to win the match 9-8.

In the second Semi-Final it was the defending champion Mark Selby v Ricky Walden. In the 7th frame Selby was at the table and

what a treat the viewers were in for. He potted 15 reds with 15 blacks and then the yellow, green, brown, blue, and the pink to leave

himself a very hard shot on the last black. He grinned, chalked the cue and took the shot and the black was in the middle pocket.

He made the maximum of 147 break and picked up a cheque for £59,000 for the highest break of the tournament.

The first session ended 6-2 to Mark Selby. In the second session Ricky Walden tried everything to win but it finished 9-5 to Mark Selby.

The Final was the best of 19 frames.

World no.1 Neil Robertson

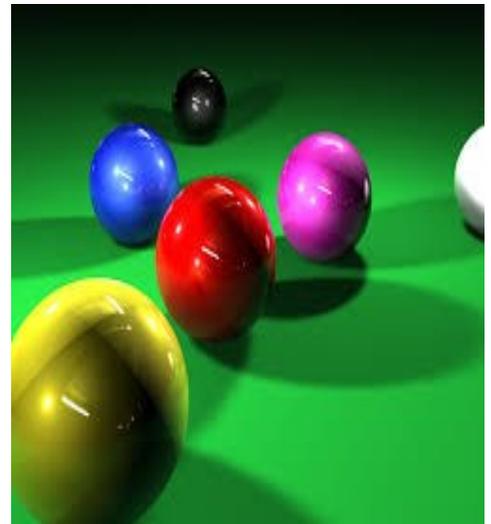
v the defending champion Mark Selby.

Selby led 5-1 but Robertson made it 5-3 at the end of the first session.

Neil Robertson made it 9-7 and won the 17th frame to win the final 10-7.

He became the eighth man to win snooker's "Triple Crown" and only the 3rd non British player ever to win the UK championship.

Mark Loughnane



School News

The Late Late Toy Show Part 2

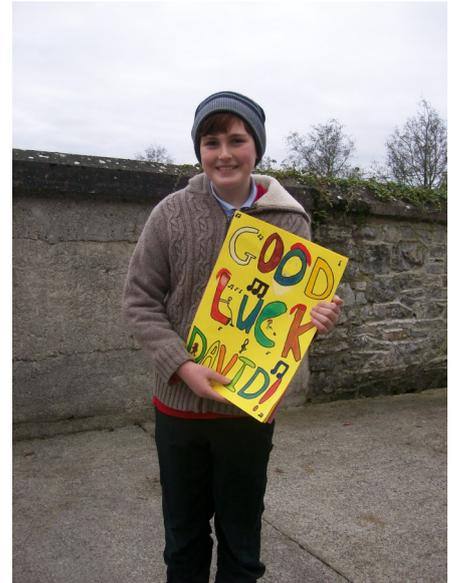
I know most of you watched the Late Late Toy Show. This years theme was Mary Poppins and it started with a bang when Ryan Tubridy sang. But you saw the Toyshow, I'm going to tell you what happens behind the set. Before the show, on Thursday, I checked into my hotel (RTÉ paid for it, no lie). It was called the Stillorgan Park Hotel. Then I went to RTÉ for a rehearsal at 12:40. When it was break time at 1 p.m. they gave me a voucher so that I could get my dinner in the canteen for free. They had the nicest dessert in the world, it was like a caramel biscuit cake, it was soft in the middle and hard at the bottom. After that I had a final rehearsal on the set at around 1:40 for the finale

practice and then I had to wait in my dressing room until 5:30. Then I had a rehearsal of my song.

I had a lot of interviews with the press, it was great fun. On Friday I had to be there for 6:30. When the show started I was really nervous but calm if you know what I mean. Then this man told me to wait in the hall. It was nearly time to go on. Then he brought me into the set where they do mass and I had to practise in there. After practising I went on to the set and a lady put on my head microphone and I had to wait for my turn. While I was waiting for my turn I met Fergal (the co-host), and Ryan's two children and his nephew. When I went on I tried to give the

once in a lifetime opportunity my all. I think I did good along with everybody else. Well I would like to keep this roll going but for now I think I will sit back and enjoy the future. Have a Merry Christmas! 😊

David Kennedy



Picture taken by Karl Lyons

The Pantomime

On the 11/12/13 we 5th & 6th class went to see a pantomime in Banagher secondary school .

The pantomime we went to see was 'Cinderella'. The person who played Cinderella was Katie Martin who was in our school four years ago.

Our teachers Ms. Treacy

and our resource teacher Ms Hynes had taken us. There were loads of schools there. When we was walking through the school we saw lots of people that were in our school last year.

That was the best pantomime I've seen so far.

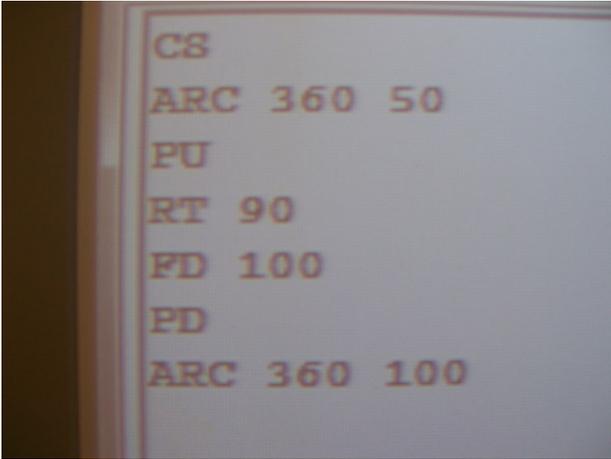
Emily Salmon



Breaking News: Ciarán Cannon in Eyrecourt School

On the 29th of November Ciarán Cannon Minister of State for Training and Skills and Bernard Kirk director of Galway Education Centre, came to our school. They came for E.U. coding week. We were one of three schools in Ireland to be visited. Bernard Kirk knows Ms Treacy because she teaches computers to teachers in the Education centre. Ciarán Cannon heard about our Coderdojo through Twitter. He is one of our followers. They wanted to visit us for coding week because we are an unusual group of coders- we have no internet!

The members of Eyrecourt coderdojo brought their laptops to show the visitors what coding projects they are working on. For E.U. code week the 5th & 6th class were learning MSW logo which is a type of coding. You type commands in the space bar, press execute and the turtle will draw your line; for example FD 100= forward 100 so he moves forward 100 steps.



Ms Treacy was interviewed and we were being videoed while coding. (To view video google: Galway Education Centre Vimeo and click into the EU code week video) Afterwards Michael and I interviewed Ciarán Cannon. He admired our trophy table. We started off with easy questions like: "What is your favourite television program?" (Grand Designs and The Big Bang Theory) Then harder questions like; "We appear to be left behind in East Galway in terms of a good broadband signal so what do you plan on doing to give everyone a fair

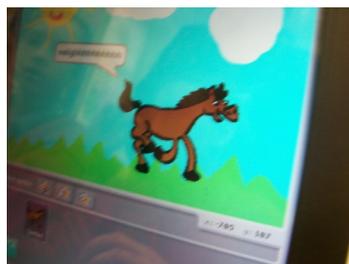
signal?" He responded: "You're right that's true, no one should have this bad of a broadband signal so I'll make a few calls to give the school a better broadband signal."

We then asked him "Could you make 1 promise that you'll keep and next time you come we could acknowledge you for it?" He said he'll bring a better broadband signal for the school. And we have to say fair play to him because 3 days later technicians came from the company who got our new broadband tender. So far the signal is fair NOT excellent, but at least he kept his promise.

We caught him out on Mark's last question which was; "The over 18s voted for a change instead they got more taxes unending Austerity rates and broken promises, so in the next General election why should the people of Eyrecourt and East Galway vote for you?" He said we inherited an awful state a mess to be honest ... But then I interrupted him and said "You were in the P.D.s so you were a part of that mess!!" He responded saying "Yes, correct yes eventually he said I knew Fianna fails Finance policies were in valid so I decided I had to leave and I ran with Fianna Gael in 2011 and I will run as a Fianna Gael candidate in 2015."

After the 10 question interview he went over to Ms Treacy and Bernard Kirk and said "God that was harder than morning Ireland" he told us that it was a well-researched interview which it was. So we went back to our tables and I said with my head held high, I said lads I'm just after outsmarting a politician, a journalists dream!

Mark Larkin & Michael Kelly



The Great Meelick Eyrecourt Muck Run

On Saint Stephens Day in Eyrecourt the annual 10 km run will be replaced by a muck run. Muck runs have become very popular in Ireland recently. It involves running cross country through fields and drains. It will be 5 km for adults and 2 km for children. The run will go

out the Banagher road and turn right into Bobby Howard's fields. It will finish back in Eyrecourt. Some people are going in fancy dress eg. onesies!!!!!! Everyone is looking forward to it so come on and join in for the craic!!!!!!

Anna Larkin.



Infants Art

The junior and senior infants love doing art. Miss Duane, their teacher, said they are very good at it. They are able to cut and glue everything themselves. This month they made snowmen using: Black A3 paper, 2 half blown balloons, one big for the body, one small for the head, felt for cars, wiggly eyes, chalk, glitter and white paint.

They used a pat and lift technique to make the snowman's head and body. They decorated them with glitter and felt.

Next they made a reindeer. They traced around their feet for the

reindeers head, and traced around their hands for the antlers. They added wiggly eyes and a red nose. They also learnt a reindeer song.

They do art on Thursdays and they all look forward to it.

Emily Salmon and Caitlin Dunican



Picture taken by Alison Rosney

Sports

Evan and Paddy's Premier Predictions

Our Predictions

Spurs 1-3 Liverpool
Chelsea 2-2 Liverpool
Man.Utd.3-1 West Ham
Man.city 1-1 Arsenal
Arsenal 1-2 Chelsea
Fulham 0-3 Man city
Man city 1-0 Liverpool
Chelsea 2-1 Swansea
Tottenham 2-1 Stoke
Newcastle 1-1 Arsenal
Everton 1-0 Southampton

Your Predictions

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Tottenham - Stoke
Newcastle - Arsenal
Everton - Southampton

Evan Gohery and Patrick Duffy

David Moyes, IN OR OUT!

David Moyes position at Man United has a big question mark over it at the moment. Form out of the last 3 matches has been poor. They were all at Old Trafford. 1 goal was scored and it was Champions League football. The other 2 matches they lost by the same score line 0-1. At the moment they're 9th place 13 points behind the leaders Arsenal . On Sir Alex Ferguson's 1st season at the club they came 13th. After a few seasons they won it. Will David Moyes show he's able to manage a talented and big club such as Man United? Will he stay in the title race? No one knows. And most of all, will he stay as head coach as Man United?

Downey

Colin

Manchester United Fail!

This month's fixtures could be the key of Manchester Unites title hopes. Manchester United don't have hard fixtures this month but you can't say they'll survive. David Moyes has been doing very well in Europe not losing 1 game in the group stages. All of that has come down to the player picking. David Moyes has not put out his best squad in the past few games and that is why Manchester United are not winning.

Evan Gohery

The Galway Girls

October 25th was a very special day for us. Our three local All Ireland County Camogie Champs visited our school. We were well prepared for this day. We had music, banners and flags and of course we wore our jerseys. Our three champs arrived at about 12 o'clock. We welcomed them as they came

in the front gate. We were playing Galway girl on our tin whistle and there were drums as well. They brought the All Ireland Senior Camogie Cup and the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie cup. Susan, Molly and Paula said a few encouraging words, they told

told us how important sport is. They said that they trained very hard to get where they are today. Susan told us never to give up.

They signed our flags, jerseys and hurls. it was a great day!

Aideen Lyons



Kris Kindle

Picture taken by Aideen Lyons



We 5th & 6th class are doing Kris Kindle in school. We had to pick out names out of a hat and buy something small for that person. The limit that we are allowed to go up to is 10 Euro. We will all bring the presents in and put them in a bag and then on the last day of school we will open them together and we will guess who bought the presents.

Chantelle Hughes

Pictures taken by Ryan Cox and David Kennedy

Movie page

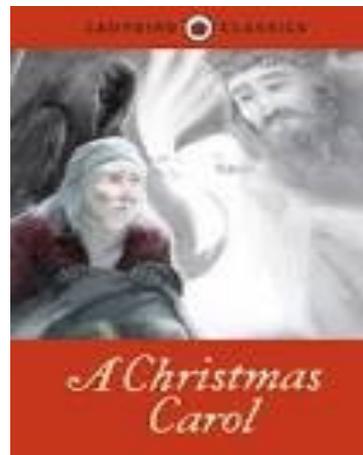
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

May the odds be ever in your favour when you watch the hunger games Catching fire. It is the 75th annual hunger games and also called the quarter quell. The quarter quell is done every 15 years in this year's quarter quell they take all the victors from each District and put them into a draw. It's a 2 and a half hour movie so I won't spoil the story but it's a must see I was so disappointed when I found out that I have to wait another year to watch the next movie. If you go to see this movie ENJOY yourself!!!!!!

David Kennedy

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

A Christmas carol by Charles Dickens is an excellent portrayal of the feelings of an old man towards Christmas. He is Ebenezer Scrooge and hates Christmas until one night. Three ghosts visit him one Christmas Eve night. The ghost of the past, the ghost of the present and the ghost of the future. Ebenezer sees what is in store for him if he doesn't learn to be nice to people but you will have to read the book to find out what happens next.

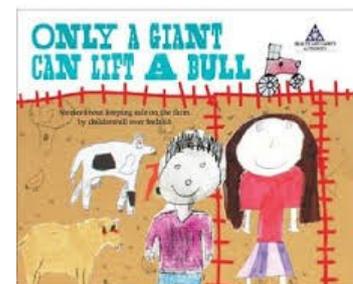


Saoirse Larkin



Only a Giant Can Lift a Bull

In the first week of December the Health and Safety Authority launched a book called "Only a Giant can Lift Bull". The main focus of the book is Farm Safety. The book features the work of 86 primary school children across the country. The stories told are funny, moving and some quite interesting. The book is a celebration of life on Irish farms through the eyes and words of primary school children. I think parents, grandparents and children would learn a lot by reading this book. It is important that the Parents give good example to their children on staying safe on the farm. The book will be circulated to every primary school and library in Ireland.



A Little Accident

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, until suddenly CRASH! BANG !! RATTLE!!! Zack leapt from his bed and met his father in the hall with his golf club. 'What was that?' asked Zack. 'It might be a robber' said Dad. They crept down the corridor (they lived in a bungalow) and found a man moaning in the front room. Dad was ready to hit the man when Zack shouted STOP DAD IT'S ... IT'S ... IT'S ... SANTA!!!! Luckily for Santa dad missed him but knocked over the tree. WHOOPS!!! Is it really you Santa asked dad. The man in the big red suit turned around and said 'yes Zack it is me' 'how did you know my name' asked Zack 'I'm Santa I know everyone' answered Santa, 'Are you ok' asked Dad, 'I've hurt my arm' answered Santa ill look at it said dad thanks thanked Santa then

out of a sudden mum came down she saw Santa she was about to give out but then saw Santa and offered tea instead. Santa was running behind in deliveries now and then asked if Zack could help to deliver them. 'Yes,' beamed dad 'no,' scowled mum 'please' asked Zack 'he can meet my reindeers and I will be sure he wears his seat belt in the sleigh' Santa offered mum said fine So they set of on the sleigh and delivered all the presents it was magical thought Zack but tiring so when Zack got home he laid down and went to sleep.

Chantelle Hughes

The Magic Key

The children were excited, it was nearly Christmas Eve. Their daddy said 'old Santa's on his way I believe'. The children gasped with wonder. Was he really on his way? It was Christmas Eve tomorrow. Could they wait another day? Their mom said 'be patient he'll be here tomorrow'. 'I just hope that he'll remember that he need's

to use his magic key, he does each December.' said the child. There are quite a lot of houses without chimney pots or fuels, so he needs a special key to open the doors so he can get in. But Santa had a problem. He was in a bad situation, HE HAD LOST THE MAGIC KEY and he was worried he'd be late. Then Mrs.

Claus came dashing out of the factory and she said 'you're going to be happy with me Santa, I've found it, I found your missing magic key'. He was happy in fact he went to Mrs. Claus and gave her a big hug. Santa went onto his sly and said HoHoHo Merry Christmas. The next day the children went down stairs and said wow he actually came.

They opened their presents and played with their new toys. They sent a letter to Santa saying they are so thankful and they love their new toys, Santa was so happy he kept that letter for ever and ever.

Chantelle Hughes

The Different names of Santa

Everybody in the world has probably heard of a Santa but Santa has many different names. Here in Ireland we call him Santa but what is his real Irish name? Well his real Irish name is Daidí na Nollaig. In Italy he is called Babbo Natale and in Sweden he is called Jultomten which actually means the Christmas brownie but not

the kind you eat. A brownie is a small magical being who does the chores for houses in Sweden while everyone is sleeping. In France he is called Papa Noel. As you can see Santa is known throughout the world as a kind old jolly man who gives presents to children around the world.

Saoirse Larkin

The Christmas Wordsearch

A	F	A	I	R	Y	L	I	G	H	T	S	C	X
B	I	P	A	C	A	N	D	L	E	S	X	Y	Y
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Here are the words:

Advent,
 Angels,
 Christmas,
 Crib,
 Elves,
 Jesus,
 Carols,
 Fairylights,
 Holly,
 Tinsel,
 Wreath,
 Santa Claus,
 Snowman,
 Candles

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