



Meelick News

The work is starting back on Meelick Weir. There has been activity the last few days. The digger is there. It is on a raft in the water. I saw it when I went for a cycle but when I went back down to get a photo, it had moved over to the Lusmagh side.

When the weir is finished, we will be able to walk or cycle over the Shannon on the new weir bridge. It is also going to be accessible for wheelchairs. We will be able to go from Meelick, Co. Galway which is in Connaught to Victoria Lock, Lusmagh, Co. Offaly which is in Leinster.

Here is an interesting fact: If you go down past the pump house behind Meelick Church and walk right down where you can see Victoria Lock, if you look just to the right of the lock there is a tree growing in the middle of the

Shannon. This is a very famous tree as it divides three counties - Galway, Offaly and Tipperary but it also divides Connaught, Leinster and Munster!

Our cousin sent me these two pictures from the Lusmagh side to show us the progress to date on the weir.



My great Granny Beda Lynch was born at Victoria Lock. Her father was lock keeper. The reason the lock is there is to manage water levels for boats on the Shannon. Our cousin Stephen is now Lock Keeper and he is the 5th generation of McGarry's to be at the Lock. Grandad told me that his mother Beda rowed a boat from Lusmagh to Meelick everyday to school. Yes there was a school in Meelick many years ago! She was the eldest so she was in charge of the boat, which usually had seven children and no adult. They also had to bring one sod of turf each every day for the fire to keep the classroom warm. I thought it was cool to go on a bus to school but just imagine going on a boat!!

Joe Mullery



Here is a picture of the Victoria Lock.

Gráinne's Gardening Continues!

Last Saturday was the warmest day of the year so far. We went to the school to put plant feed on the flower boxes. They are coming on great and there are lots of different coloured flowers.

After we went down to the Square and cleaned out and replanted the four flower pots. They took a lot of water as the soil was very dry but they look much better now.

We have great fun bringing the wheelbarrow filled with buckets of water down to the school and the Square. It's hard to stop the water splashing everywhere!

Gráinne Duffy



Make, do, create!

Pebble Art Frame

What you need:

Box Frame

Pebbles

Super glue

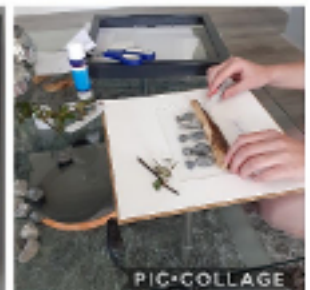
Pritt Stick

Twig and Leaves

Instructions:

1. Lay out the pebbles and twig on mount.
2. Glue each pebble and twig in place.
3. Print out your family name or I did "Lockdown 2020".
4. Stick at the end of frame.
5. Leave flat for an hour to let it set.
6. Place in frame.

Leah Power





Meelick Eyrecourt GAA & Camogie "24 Hour Stay at home" Runathon



Time on Saturday 25 th April	Name(s)	Time on Sunday 26 th April	Name(s)
08:00 – 08:30	Andy Smyth	00:00 – 00:30	Nathan Earner
08:30 – 09:00	Laura Loughnane	00:30 – 01:00	Colin Downey
09:00 – 09:30	Molly Dunne	01:00 – 01:30	Jake Spain / Kevin Larkin
09:30 – 10:00	Leagh Flannery	01:30 – 02:00	Thomas Flynn
10:00 – 10:30	Susan Earner	02:00 – 02:30	Dermot Dunne
10:30 – 11:00	James Lyons / Aoife Sullivan	02:30 – 03:00	Kevin Kelly
11:00 – 11:30	Leanne Burke	03:00 – 03:30	Ken Lucas
11:30 – 12:00	Declan McEvoy / Aideen Lyons	03:30 – 04:00	Eamon Larkin
12:00 – 12:30	Becky Loughnane	04:00 – 04:30	Lee McDermott
12:30 – 13:00	Pamela McCormack	04:30 – 05:00	James Burke
13:00 – 13:30	Shane Feehan	05:00 – 05:30	Shea Slone
13:30 – 14:00	Darragh Dolan	05:30 – 06:00	Paul O'Brien/ Daniel Hogan
14:00 – 14:30	Ally Ryan	06:00 – 06:30	Ronan Larkin
14:30 – 15:00	Anna Larkin	06:30 – 07:00	Kevin Burke
15:00 – 15:30	Roseanne Coughlan	07:00 – 07:30	James Downey / Mike Kelly
15:30 – 16:00	Jack Maher	07:30 – 08:00	Justin Flynn
16:00 – 16:30	Niamh McCormack		
16:30 – 17:00	Olivia Mannion		
17:00 – 17:30	Conor Larkin / Vivian McEvoy		
17:30 – 18:00	Ciaran Scully / Niamh Tracey		
18:00 – 18:30	Paddy Ryan / Ashling Downey		
18:30 – 19:00	Enda Lawless / Paula Kenny		
19:00 – 19:30	Michael Larkin		
19:30 – 20:00	Louise Loughnane		
20:00 – 20:30	Mairead Fleming		
20:30 – 21:00	Shane Tracey / Molly Burke		
21:00 – 21:30	Niall Lynch		
21:30 – 22:00	Conor Tracey		
22:00 – 22:30	John Fleming / Conor Dolan		
22:30 – 23:00	Niall Fleming		
23:00 – 23:30	Noel Hogan		
23:30 – 00:00	Mikey O'Brien		



Supporting frontline staff during the Covid 19 Crisis

Eyrecourt 24 hour run

On the 25th of April at 8 am Eyrecourt 24 hour run began. It was a local fundraiser organised by Meelick/Eyrecourt GAA Club and Eyrecourt Camogie Club to raise money for frontline workers and local charities. They were trying to keep it as local as possible.

Every half an hour at least one person ran for 30 minutes, within their 2km radius and then swapped with whoever was next up. All the people who were running were a part of the camogie or the hurlers but there were some players who were not with the Eyrecourt GAA. The

intermediate hurlers took a lot of the late night/early morning runs. The runners were helped by the community who left out water and refreshments during the runathon. Everyone who ran sent in a video to Eyrecourt's Instagram or Facebook page and the people who ran the accounts would put it up on their story.

Overall the event was a resounding success, with worldwide participation including runners from New Zealand and Canada as well as ex-Galway hurler Andy Smith, who started the event at 8am on the Saturday. They had hoped that they would raise €500 but altogether they raised over 5 thousand euro and the money is currently being distributed to charities in our locality. As well as being a fundraiser it was a great way for people to go outside and exercise for a half an hour.

Damien Burke



DIY Barbers

My dad got a shaver for cutting hair. He wanted to cut the boys hair because it was too long. We charged the shaver and Dad said he would do JJ's hair first. He started shaving JJ's hair....

Soon it was all done. His hair was skint! It didn't look too bad but there was a few pieces sticking up.

Next it was Daddy's turn. He cut a bit of it himself but then Mammy finished it. Then the shaver died. Daddy charged it during the night.

In the morning it was fully charged. Later that evening Daddy started Colman's hair. Colmans looked the best so far.

Shay was last. Shay only got a little bit cut off.

My dad called me and said that I was getting my hair cut! But he was only messing.

Colmans looked the best. They won't need a haircut again for a long time!

Amber Cohen

Farming in Garbally

Since we finished school, I can go farming with my uncles in Garbally. The first thing we do when we go into the farm in the morning is milking. Two people milk, one person gets the cows and the other person sets up. It takes 2 hours to milk in Garbally.

After the milking is finished we feed the calves. It only takes a few minutes to feed them.

Different jobs have to be done every day on the farm. Some

days we go fencing the fields. We then get some lunch in the canteen. After lunch this week I have been helping to put down concrete slabs for the silage pit. In the evening we go milking again. When we have the milking finished, we clean up again and we bring the cows back up to the fields. Lastly, we tog in and go home!

Seán Óg Larkin



Electric Fun!

It was Harry's birthday this week and we had lots of fun, we were using trying to use Static Electricity to make the balloons stick to the ceiling, Harry was the best. We got some water guns to play outside in the garden, that was lots of fun too plus lots of exercise because we were running away from each other. We are going to be shown how to fix a puncture on our bikes this week because three of our bikes have punctures and we want to go for a cycle. That is all our news for now.

Evan, Harry and Nicole.



MONOPOLY BOARD

My sister Lauren and I started making a Monopoly board from scratch.

I think it's going to turn out good. I did the cards and Lauren did most of the pictures. We have most of it finished, all we have to do is add a couple of pieces. It will soon be ready to play!

Isabelle Davis



Treasure Hunt

Last week we started to do treasure hunts.

We write notes for clues. Then we hide the notes outside. We give one clue at the start of the game. We follow all the clues to find the treasure at the end. The treasure can be anything. We use sweets and biscuits. It's a really fun game.

Colman Gohery





I've been very busy this week helping my Dad plaster the wall.

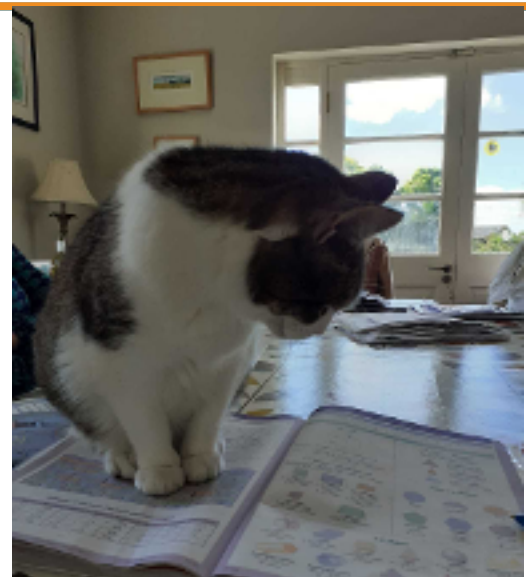
Luke Power



Daniel and Oisin went fishing with their dad. They had a great time but unfortunately they didn't catch anything that day.



Amy and Sophie Kenny writing History by keeping their Corona Diaries up to date!



Hector Duffy studies 6th class Mental Maths!