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Eyrecourt Elections 2016!

Everyone is talking about the Irish General Election, so we decided we needed student representatives in our school.

There were 5 candidates: Alan Mullery, Libby Mullery, Sarah O' Quigley, Thomas Fleming and Ellen Larkin. Each candidate had a group to help him/her with their ideas and canvassing. Two groups however joined up to make one party.

There were 2 seats. All pupils were eligible to vote. We based it on the real elections, like you know all that stuff like quotas, seats, campaign managers... the fun part is all about the ideas!

We had to be careful though with what we promised to the pupils, because some of the promises can be quite outrageous! Ideas included bigger pitches, movie days, no uniform days and better school facilities! Eventhough we were having lots of fun with the election, we still took it pretty seriously! The candidates even had Spin Doctors, PRs and campaign managers.

On Thursday the 25th, we went to the polls! And yes we had polling boxes and the candidates could vote too. All the candidates were really excited and nervous, as there was a few favourites among the pupils...

Every group got 2 posters and 10 A4 sheets. They also prepared a party political broadcast.

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School News

Editorial

Hi Readers!

This month we are back with the Eyrecourt Examiner. We have a few announcements to make, this month's paper will have some new reporters debut articles and we mean that the whole of 5th and 6th class, all 18 of us are on the Eyrecourt Examiner team! Also we are very excited to announce the winners of this year's Eyrecourt Election.

Happy reading,

Eyrecourt Examiner Editors

February 2016

Eyrecourt NS becomes a Digital School of Distinction!

On the 1st of February, a Digital Schools inspector came to our school. As you'll obviously know, here at Eyrecourt NS we have the Eyrecourt Examiner, and we do it almost completely using technology. Our inspector, Neil O'Sullivan, has been interviewed.

He has two jobs - he teaches and he is the Chief Validator of Digital Schools of Distinction. If a school requests to become a Digital School, they must fill out a form, and wait for someone to come to the school (which we did). Neil has been working with computers since he left secondary school as he has never studied computers during primary school.

He decided to come to our school because he saw an article in the Sunday Business Post about us, and remembered us from the CESI conference we have attended. He has been doing his job since 2012. He used to work in a company with computer-based training, and in two schools in Dublin. He was offered a job in the National Centre for Technology in Education, which led to the Digital Schools of Distinctions.

So far, there are approximately 274 Digital Schools in Ireland, with 300 Schools their goal for 2017. One school he visited had a GPS that recorded how fast a student was travelling home, how high above sea level he was, what distance he was from the school, what phase the moon was in, etc. and took note of these calculations on Microsoft Excel. Another school gave Junior Infants bluetooth necklaces which tracked each of their heartbeats while they were doing PE.

According to Neil, our school is way ahead of our time!

by Lorna Kelly



Book Buddies

So far we are into the 4th week of Book Buddies. It has been going incredibly well. The junior book buddies are thoroughly enjoying it and are having a lot of fun. They are really good for reading parts of the books and asking/answering questions about the various books we read to them. Usually when we finish a book, we ask them to pick out their favorite picture. They really enjoy anything funny. And when we read to them they are always smiling.

They are really good at listening and never get distracted. But if they do get a bit distracted we know how to handle the situation. It's really good to help the children practise their reading and give them a flair for reading. We really get to know our buddies and become friends with them. They help us pick out a book for them by telling us what type of genre they want.

We also have a little book buddy booklet that we have to fill out after each book. We put the author, illustrator, rate out of ten and our favorite parts.

Helpful tips on reading to your book buddy:

- Read facing a wall (so they can't get distracted)
- Ask them questions throughout the book to make sure they are listening.
- Put emotion into your reading and don't be reading like a robot to keep them interested.
- Make them predict what will happen next in the story.
- At the end, when you're finished your book, get them to read parts of the book (You can help them if they get stuck)

By Libby Mullery and Sarah O'Quigley.



Interview with Caroline Murray

On the 16th of February Caroline Murray came into our school. She is part of the Camogie Association and they are doing a poster competition to win free tickets to the club camogie All Ireland in Croke Park on the 6th of March. She told us what to do and what to put on the poster.



She got her job by studying sports science in Limerick and she enjoys her job. She runs projects for developing players and the sport. She has been doing her job for about 10 years. If she didn't get that job she would have liked to have been a primary school teacher. She plays camogie with St. Thomas's. She plays wing forward no.10. She used to play for Galway. If she didn't play camogie she would have played volleyball.

We thank Caroline for taking our interview and hopefully we will win the tickets.

by Alan Mullery and Keith Bradley

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Voting day came and every pupil had a chance to vote. Even Fr. McInerney voted! 5th and 6th class voted first and obviously they voted for their candidates! Then Mr. Barretts class voted and then Mrs. Greaney's class voted.

Once everyone had voted, we started the count. Beforehand, we did the quota. It was 22. It was a very tight count. Alan Mullery was the first to get a seat because in the first count he got 28 votes. Everybody who voted for Alan was very happy! First to be eliminated was Thomas Fleming. Thomas and his team were disappointed but it was only a bit of craic! (Thomas did demand a second recount!) Libby Mullery was the second to go. A lot of people were very surprised because they thought Libby would have done better. Then it was all between Ellen Larkin and Sarah O' Quigley. It was very tight, but in the end Sarah came out on top, reaching and going over the quota.



We had a fun time counting all the votes as we did recounts (demanded by Ellen and then Thomas), transfers and speeches. Alan is promising to all his fellow pupils that he will make school more fun for everyone. Sarah pledges that she will try her best to listen to pupils needs and make an effort to do what they asked.

Overall the election was great fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

by Lauren Davis, Adam Ryan and Jack Rosney

GOSSIP COLUMN

" The Pull " is on the 4th of March.

What is " The Pull "you ask?

It's a super cool, super awesome play that Eyrecourt GAA club are hosting!



The play is being held in Eyrecourt Hall. Tickets are €15.00 for adults, and €5.00 for juveniles.

Some of the people you can contact for tickets are, Kathleen Treacy, Aaron Connolly, Stephen Larkin and Deirdre Burke. You can also get tickets in Duffys shop, Davis' Pharmacy and Clarkes pub.

Hope to see you all there!

By Alannah Larkin and Lauren Davis

February Coding (Internet Safety Day)

This month's Coding is going to be a little different because as you might know, the 9th of this month was Safer Internet Day. If you have come across the hashtags #SID2016 and #UP2US and wondered what they were for, then you know now. The official website for this is <http://www.saferinternetday.ie/>. According to the website, "Safer Internet Day is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people." It is very, very important to be safe on the internet. All you have to do is:

Don't tell anyone your full name.

If you have a social media account, set it onto "private" mode, or ask for someone to do it for you. This means that if anyone wants to follow you, they'll have to request to, and only you can accept them.

Don't tell anyone your age.

Don't tell anyone your passwords.

This is the most important one - DO NOT tell anyone your address or school name.

If you use the Internet a lot, you may come across some stories about kidnapers who found out about their victims by their social media. Don't worry, though - they can't read about you if you don't write too much about yourself.

To avoid cyberbullying, it's the same - don't write too much about yourself. Remember - if someone is actually taking time out of their lives to bother you from behind a screen, you aren't the pathetic one. If you are getting cyberbullied, tell either your parents or a teacher. If you want to delete the comments, always take a screenshot of it before you delete it. If you don't know how to, holding the power button and the minus volume button down works on most devices.

The internet is definitely one of the best sources for entertainment and communication, but only if you use it correctly.

For more information go to the website above or go to <http://www.webwise.ie/>
by Lorna Kelly



Internet Safety



A Date For Your Diaries

On the 15th of March we will be having our annual Cake Sale! We will also be hoisting the Irish flag in remembrance of the 1916 Easter Rising. We will be presenting our 1916 projects which include 'Ireland's Time-Line', 'Important figures of the Rising', 'Eyrecourt and 1916', 'Easter Rising day by day', and 'Statues and Monuments of 1916'.

by Libby Mullery

Laurens' Healthy Tips



Hi guys! This month I'm back with Lauren's Healthy Tips! I will be writing about remedies for sprains, breaks and muscle aches! I will be telling you guys what is best to put on a sore muscle and other painful body parts .

-Now if you have a sore muscle(s), you're best off having a nice hot bath with some Epsom salts and a drop or two of lavender oil in the evening. You'll feel much better in the morning! If it's really bad you should probably go get a rub and take an anti inflammatory.

-For a sprain the treatment is R.I.C.E. (acronym) Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. It's pretty straight forward!

-For a pulled muscle, let the amount of pain you feel be your guide. If a pulled muscle happens while you're running or playing a sport, and you have to stop and catch your breath because of the awful pain, the best thing to do is sit and rest.

- Take a few days to recover fully from the pulled muscle before running or playing the sport or activity that caused it. Put some ice on the muscle. I find that when I have pulled a muscle, the best thing for me to do is go for a rub because it really helps!

-Now if you happen to get a burn. Treating burns is pretty easy but you gotta do it right! Straight after getting burnt, run the burnt area under cold water for 10-15mins. Be careful not to pop the blisters.

Afterwards dab the burnt area dry. Now some of you might not have aloe or aloe vera gel at home. You can probably get it in any pharmacy. Put some aloe (vera gel) on the burnt area carefully. Protect the burn with a non-stick gauze and change it once a day. Consult with a doctor if redness and pain lasts longer than a few hours.

That's all I have for this month's healthy tips. I hope you found this helpful and use some of these remedies in the future!

by Lauren Davis



Agriculture

It's Spring time for the farmers!

Spring time for the farmers. Hopefully the rain will stop soon. All the grass is saturated and the farmers are finding it difficult to put slurry out on the fields as it is too wet. Lately I have seen farmers spreading slurry from the roadways. Slurry spreaders are adopted to spread the slurry this way, however the farmers have no



control over the weather.

Some farmers have ewes which are lambing. It is a busy time when lambing is taken place. The farmer puts the ewes and lambs outside in the fields after lambing. This helps prevent infection for the lamb and the ewes produce more milk to help rear the lambs. I am still waiting for my sheep herd to lamb. I am feeding them ewe and lamb nuts.



Because we are using dairy cows our stock numbers increased quickly.

Due to the wet weather the dairy herds are still in the sheds and silage is scarce on some farms. I see a lot of bales being transported from farm to farm. The farmers are waiting for the weather to improve and then we will see fertilizer being transported from Liffey's to the farms. I hope that by next month the wet weather will have improved.

by Caoimhe Kearns

Evas' Interview

On February 13th, I interviewed John Dolan, who is an Auctioneer and working in Main Street Ballinasloe, about his job and here's what he said.

He studied property management in GMIT for 3 years and 1 year in Oxford Polytechnic University. He got a degree in Estate management.

He started working as Auctioneer in 1999 in Loughrea and opened in Ballinasloe in 2005.

He starts work at 9am, checks diary for appointments, visits sites for valuations. He types up valuation and show houses to people interested in buying a house. If any offer is made by a person, he phones the seller to inform him/her about the price offered. The sale can go ahead if the sale is agreed by the seller and buyer.

If there is a lot of interest in a property or land, it might go to Auction. He works 6 Days a week. Every day he wears a suit at work.

He does like his job because he likes meeting lots of people and being out and about.

John Dolan Auctioneers: 086-8206690

www.daft.ie/johndolanauctioneers By Eva Larkin



Eyrecourt Camogie girls for the WIN!

On Sunday the 6th of March, the Eyrecourt Intermediate Camogie girls are playing in the Club All Ireland final in Croke Park. They got into the final by a great win over Eglisish in Kinnegad. Since some of the U12 camogie girls played an eight minute match at half time in Kinnegad, they will be getting the honour to travel up to Croker and play half time on the famous pitch!



(exciting, I know!) We are also doing a super cool poster competition for the match! Only Killimor school, Clonfert school, our school and Cahir school are doing it from what we heard! The winner gets a supah dupah brilliant prize of match tickets for the day so you don't have to pay to get in! Now that will be easy on your wallet if you have a big family!

We are really proud of the girls for getting this far and and it is a great achievement for the club! We're sure that the girls will try their best on the day and they will need lots of supporters... So c'mon Eyrecourt get behind the girls and cross your hands, feet, fingers, legs, arms and toes that they will win!

by Ellen Larkin, Ellie Gohery and Lauren Davis.

Galway vs Cork

On the 14th of February, our trainer Adrian Loughnane brought our team to watch the Galway vs Cork match.

We left Sunday morning at 12 o'clock on a bus to Pearse Stadium. We were all very excited when we were getting on the bus, and on the way up we had good craic.

When we arrived we were paired up with a parent. Keith, Patrick and I were paired up with Keith's mam Katie.

When we got in, we went straight to the seats, where we sat down to watch the match.

The first half was very close, because when Galway scored then Cork scored. Joe Canning and Connor Whelan played very well during the game.

In my opinion Joe Canning would have got Man of the Match because he played very well and he scored a good few points.

The score overall was 1-27 to 1-21 to Galway. I thought it was a really good game because, they all played very well and I have no bad reviews to write about the players.

The Cork players played very well too. Galway probably would not have won without their new manager Michael Donoghue from Clarinbridge.

He is a very good manager and I give him all my best wishes on managing his new team in the future.

After the match we went to Supermacs in Loughrea. We all had a really good day, and I hope we all get to go to another match again with the team! *By Cian Rocke*



EYRECOURT EXAMINER'S SPORTS STAR OF THE MONTH!



Susan Earner!

We have given Susan Earner the sports star of the month because she is a great goalkeeper. She didn't have much to do in the semi-final against Eglisish, but when she did, she played great. She is an All-Star camogie player and she has won an All Ireland.

We all wish her best of luck in the game against Cahir from Tipperary in the All Ireland camogie club final!

by Alan Mullery



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Meet the leaders!



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Help us with our Travel Challenge!

So far Eyrecourt NS has...



Walkers

Start tracking your Green travelling!

Goal for March



Don't stop being green!

Big Travel Challenge

On the 23rd of February we completed our 'Big Travel Challenge' which went on for 15 days! It was a huge success! We had nearly the whole school waking.

That day we also had a visit from our GS adviser Lukasz Kryzwon who is filling in for Catriona as she is on maternity leave. He came in to help us fill up our GS application form for our Travel Flag! He is very impressed with all our hard work we have done on our Travel Theme! He brought us a few gifts which include; A helmet, lights, bells, wristbands, rulers, waterbottles and pencils. We will be raffling them off in school and thankfully there is enough prizes for every child in the school.

On the day he visited, we had as you may know... Eyrecourts' Car free Day. We had an outstanding 65 out of 69 pupils walking or cycling! The bus driver even dropped off the bus people at Cloughbrack. He still drove behind them though, as he did not trust a few people!

As we all did such a good job on walking/cycling, Ms Treacy gave the whole school the night of homework! How lucky are we?

And just because the Big Travel Challenge is over, that doesn't mean we will stop travelling to school by walking/cycling. We will be continuing walking/cycling especially since we have just put up our new 'Drop 'n' Hop' signs.

So remember, be cool and walk to school!!

By Libby Mullery and Lauren Davis.