

# EYRECOURTY EXAMINER!

## Welcome Back Stephen!

Finally Stephen Reilly has come back to school after battling cancer for 10 months. While he was away he got to meet Giovanni Trapattoni (manager of the Irish soccer team) and Brendan O'Carroll and crew of Mrs. Brown's Boys. He even met a man who comes to hospitals and gives presents and Ste-

phen got a Nintendo 3DS. He went to four hospitals while he was sick: Ballinasloe, Galway, Cappagh and Crumlin. His favourite hospital was Crumlin. His favourite nurse was Kylie who worked in Crumlin. Stephen got to make 5 friends there. Even with all the toys in the hos-

pital Stephen said he missed school and we are very happy to have him back.

By Juliet Kennedy.



Stephen Reilly.

*Photo taken by Olivia Reilly.*

## Arrivederci to Italian.

Natasha Salmon our Italian teacher will finish teaching Italian on the first week of March for good. Unfortunately the 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils only got 6 months of Italian, while the 6<sup>th</sup> class got 1 year and 6 months. We have learned lots of Italian, made pizzas and written

to penpals. It is a great language and it will be very beneficial to us when we go to secondary school. Natasha is a very good teacher and we wish her good luck in her new job.

*By Caroline Murphy.*



Natasha Salmon.

*Photo taken by Olivia Reilly*

## St Brendan's NS

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## County Photos.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 Elaine from County Photos took photos of the children in their classes and with their brothers and sisters. She was very quick and very nice! She will send them back to us and then we can bring them home and hang them up!



By Caroline Murphy.

Elaine from County Photos.

*Photo taken by Olivia Reilly.*

## Editorial

Hi readers I hope you enjoyed our last issue. We have a lot more stuff and the latest news in this issue. Hope you all enjoy it.

By Editor Juliet Kennedy and Sub-Editor Jordan Dunican.

## Infant Art.

Junior and Senior infants made penguins for art and put a lot of work into them. As you can see from the picture we have some very talented artists in the class. Well done to junior and senior infants.



By Caroline Murphy.

*Photo taken by Ms. Colohan*



Irish Saying of the Month.



Nuair a bhíonn an bolg lán is maith leis na cnámha síneadh.

## Active Retirement Group in Eyrecourt.

Our local active retirement group started about four years ago. The group brings together middle-aged and older members of our community. Men and women. The chairman of the group is Martin Staunton who is supported by a very strong committee. They are involved in a lot of different activities. Over the years they have had classes in art, yoga and Pilates. The art has been a

great hit and every year they have an exhibition of their paintings which has got great praise from anyone who attended.

May 2011 they organised the Messiah group from Dublin to sing in Meelick church. It was a great success and they raised a lot of money which was donated to the hospice and cancer care west. They also go on day trips and nights out during the sum-

mer around Ireland. My grandmother is a member of the group and all the activities and outings keep her very young. All children should encourage their grandparents to join.

By Niamh Treacy.

## Credit Union Quiz.

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February some of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class went to the Credit Union Quiz in Ballinasloe. The people who went from 3<sup>rd</sup> were Emily Salmon, Michael Kelly, Anna Larkin and

Caitlin Dunican, From 4<sup>th</sup> class was Mark Larkin, Colin Downey, David Kennedy and Katie Salmon. From 5<sup>th</sup> class was Eoghan Mc Cormack, Matthew Martin, Conor Larkin, Graham Mullery, Jordan

Dunican and Katelyn Davis. From 6<sup>th</sup> class was James Lyons and Niamh Treacy. All the teams got on very well and they all had a good time.

By Mairéad Fleming.

## Green School

Mark Molloy from Galway County Council came to our school to see what work the green school committee have done. Mark Molloy asked

them a lot of questions and he was very impressed with them. We are almost sure he is recommending us for our Green Energy Flag.

By Mairéad Fleming.



Green flag.

Photo taken by James Lyons.

## SYRIAN SLAUGHTER.

Over 7,000 people died in Syria in recent weeks, when government troops were deployed to stop a revolt by Syrian citizens against the leader of the country, general Assad. A lot of the casualties were women and children because Assad ordered the bombing of the capital city of Homs where the people lived. America and England had ordered a meeting of the United Nations (U.N) to force general Assad to step down, but Russia and China vetoed the decision. Assad had promised Russia that he would stop putting pressure

on the people, but he didn't keep his promise, so the future looks uncertain for the people of Syria. It's hoped that military action won't be taken against Syria as it would only lead to more suffering for the Syrian people.

By Eoghan Mc Cormack.



Syrian Flag.

## GREEK BAILOUT VOTE.

The vice-president of the European Commission Mr. Olli Rehn has welcomed the positive vote of the Greek politicians to endorse a new and deeply unpopular austerity deal to secure a multi-billion euro bailout of over a hundred and thirty billion euro.

The political debate took place while violence broke out over the

capital and other Greek cities. More than thirty buildings were set alight in Athens.

The EU and the IMF said they have enough of broken promises and that the funds would only be released when clear commitment is received from the Greek political leaders showing that they will implement the reforms.

The austerity measures include three hundred million euro pension cuts and a twenty two per cent reduction in the minimum wage from about seven hundred and fifty euro a month. The package also seeks to cut the state work force by about a hundred and fifty thousand people by the year 2015.

By Shane Kearns.

## Olympic Facts.

There are 205 Nations taking part in the 300 events.

The Olympics will start on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July to 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

London has hosted the Olympics twice in 1908 and 1948.

Ireland are taking part in swimming, boxing and running events.

The stadium is located at Marsh-

gate Lane in Stratford in the Lower Lea valley and has capacity for the Games of approximately 80,000 making it temporarily the third largest stadium in Britain behind Wembley Stadium and Twickenham Stadium.

Land preparation for the stadium began in mid 2007, with the official construction start date on 22

May 2008, although piling works for the foundation unofficially began four weeks ahead of that date. Construction ended on 29 March 2011.

The stadium will host the 2017 World Championships also.

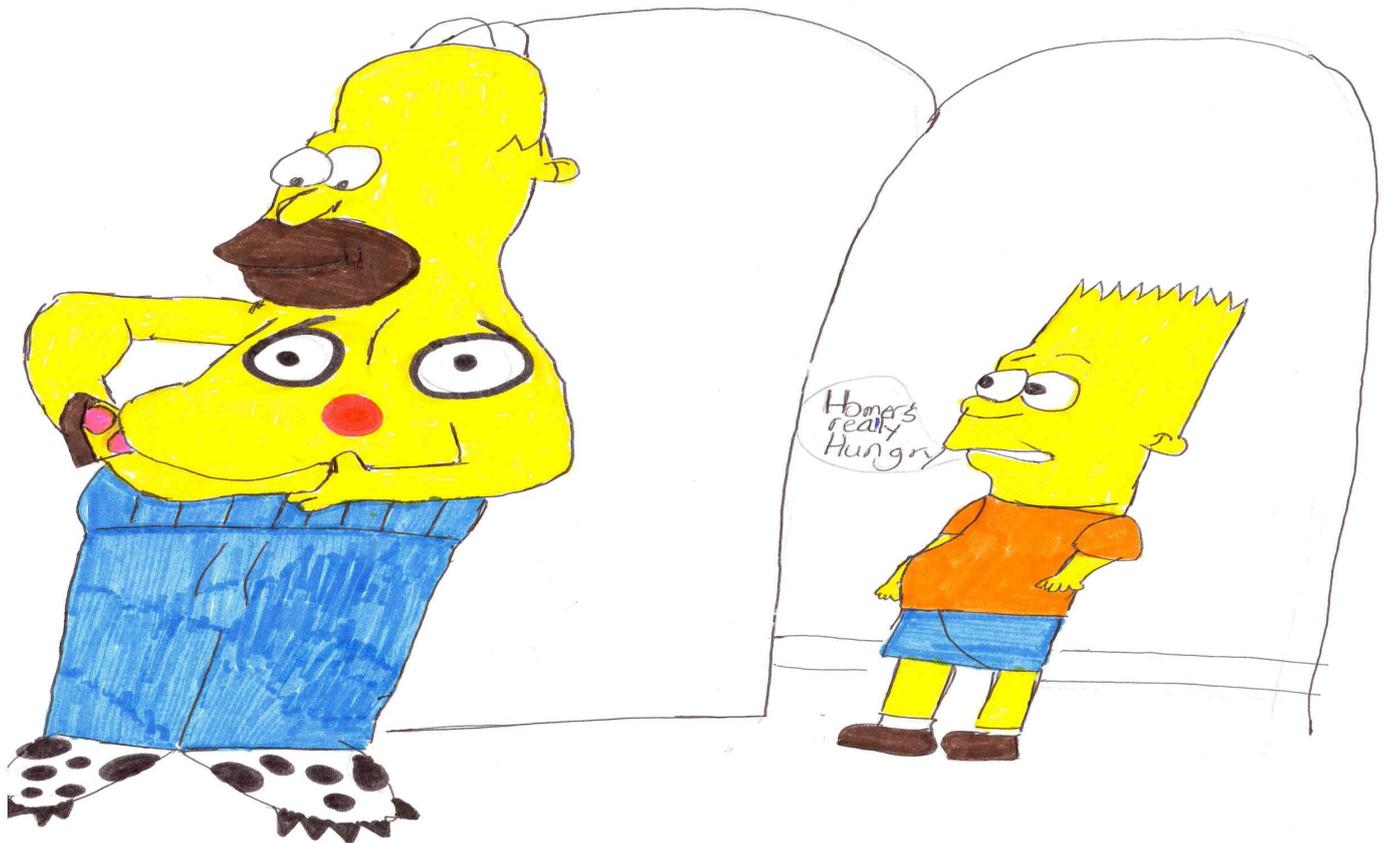
By Graham Mullery.

# Photo of the Month.



By Katelyn Davis

## Simpsons comic piece



Illustrator James Mullery

## Cher Lloyd wedding news!!

Cher Lloyd and Craig Monk who started dating last year are said to be getting married!! Cher has been living with Craig, and she has said yes to be his wife. Cher is only 18 and Craig is 21. Cher said he is "the one" and she will be very happy with him! It was announced when she was spotted wearing a ring on her wedding finger.



Cher Lloyd and Craig Monk.

*By Eilís Conroy*

## Death of Whitney Houston

The singer Whitney Houston died on the 12th of February at the age of just 48. She was found dead in a Beverly Hills hotel room in the early hours of Sunday morning. It hasn't yet been confirmed of what caused

the death, but some think she may have drowned in the bathtub while investigators think her death may be a result of a drug overdose.

*By Rebecca Loughnane.*



Whitney Houston.

## X Factor Gossip.

If rumours are to be believed then Cheryl Cole may be heading back to the X Factor UK. Speculation is mounting that Simon Cowell is trying to woo Cheryl back. Following reports that Kelly Rowland and Gary Barlow are set to depart the show, Cowell is under pressure to put Cole back in with another Superstar. Dermot O Leary also has a

dilemma of his own as the US X Factor host has been dropped along with Nicole Sherzinger and Paula Abdul. Irish host O'Leary is being tipped as the new presenter but this hasn't been confirmed. So it looks like the X Factors on both sides of the pond are facing a big shake up.

*By Nessa Dolan.*



## Miss. Treacy's notices

*I would like to thank the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class for all their work in producing this newspaper and I hope everyone enjoys reading it as much as I do.*

- ⇒ Parents Association met on 30<sup>th</sup> January.  
Cake sale will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Next meeting organising cake sale will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- ⇒ Shamrock fundraising cards were sent home and are due back on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Shamrock will arrive at the school on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- ⇒ Boys play the mini-7s in Kiltormer Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- ⇒ RSE talk for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (parents) & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March (parents & children). Details and literature will be sent out but please keep these nights free.
- ⇒ Communion Preparation  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11:00 Mass Eyrecourt Church  
Sun 22 April, 9:30 Mass Clonfert Church  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm 1st Confessions, Clonfert Church
- ⇒ Confirmation Preparation  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm Penitential Service with Confessions
- ⇒ After an absence from school, a note must be given to the class teacher for school records.
- ⇒ School mobile is for emergency purposes and does not replace notes to the class teacher.
- ⇒ If a child is not in school by time of roll call, they are marked absent.
- ⇒ Healthy Lunches

We follow a healthy eating policy in our school. Each child's lunch should contain a sandwich, fruit and a drink. Pasta, yogurt, cheese, raw vegetables are all considered appropriate as a healthy lunch.

Children are not allowed: fizzy or sugary drinks, non fruit based yogurts (e.g. chocolate yogurts), sweets, bars or any sugary cereal bars or cakes.

## Galway vs. Kilkenny Walsh Cup Final 2012

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February Galway took on Kilkenny the all-Ireland champions in the Walsh cup final in Pearse Stadium. Kilkenny lined out with big shots such as JJ Delany, Noel Hickey and Brian Hogan in the backs and Richie Hogan, Eoin Larkin and Aidan Fogarty up front. Kilkenny went into an early lead with points from Richie Power and a goal from Richie Hogan.

Galway's best spell was in the second half with scores from Joe Canning and David Burke. They looked good. They were within two points of winning the game when goalie James Skehill made a big slip up. He dropped the ball on his way out with it and all-star Eoin Larkin came through to win the game with a simple goal.

Kilkenny continued to score throughout the remainder of the second half and ran away with the Walsh cup by nine points.

*By Conor Larkin.*

## Rugby Six Nations Match called off.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February Ireland was to play France in Paris. The two teams were ready to come out of the dressing rooms when the referee called off the match. He called off the match because the ground was frozen. The Irish fans were disappointed because they had travelled a long way. After a while a French woman made a speech and told the fans the match was called off it has to be decided when it will be played. She also said to keep the tickets because they could use them next time they played. After she made the speech the Irish came out and started talking to the French. It was a very disappointing night for the fans and all the people who watched it on T.V.

*By John Fleming.*

## Racism in Sport.

Racism in sport made the headlines again last weekend during a football match between Man Utd and Liverpool. An incident between Luis Suarez and Patrice Evra, when Suarez refused to shake Evra's hand. This has been a follow on of Suarez racist remark about Evra's skin colour in a recent match. As a result of this the FA banned him for eight matches. This annoyed Suarez and

might be the reason why he didn't shake Evra's hand. A great effort is being made to cut out racism in society, and it was hoped that sport would take the lead on this issue. Although a lot of progress has been made, it would appear there is still a lot of progress yet to be made.

*By Matthew Martin.*



Suarez refused to shake Evra's hand.