

We wrote this poem about what we would tell ourselves if we could travel back in time.

Dear young, little me

Before you start your first school day,
Take this advice from me,
For I am you , your future self,
The person you grow to be!

Don't play tag in the classroom,
Beware of Mrs. Barretts sneeze!
For when these things do happen,
They'll send shivers to your knees!

So do take my advice,
For what I'm trying to say
Is enjoy and have a blast,
And everything will be OK.

Don't play near any nettles,
Don't pair your pinky finger,
Go to the toilet without asking,
Or become a squeaky singer!

Relationships may blossom,
You'll get caught behind the door,
Don't let off a stink bomb,
Or it'll go all over the floor!



6th Class 2014: Colin Downey , Niall Fleming, David Kennedy, Karl Lyons, Alison Rosney, Katie Salmon, Chantelle Hughes, Ryan Cox, Tomás Flynn, Tiernan Gohery, Ciarán Campbell & Mark Larkin

5th class hopes for next year

With 6th class moving to secondary school, 5th class will be the 6th class next year. Here are what our hopes are for next year:

- Shea- win the hurling and football,
- Evan- to get less homework and to win hurling and football,
- Mark- win hurling and football,
- Michael- win hurling and football,
- Patrick- to get less homework,

- Oisín- more break time,
 - Adam- no Irish homework,
 - Damien- no maths,
 - Anna- win hurling,
 - Aideen- win hurling and less homework,
 - Caitlin- win hurling,
 - Emily- less homework and more break time,
- We are looking forward to our last year in primary school.
- Evan Gohery & Shea Sloan*

Summer Fun!



Cúl Camp Coolers: Evan, Abbey, Jennifer, Alan, Caoimhe, Emily, Ellen and Finn



Dingle Dudes: Gráinne and Orla Alannah and Eva will go to their friends houses. Michael is off to USA! Adam is staying in Clonfert.



Keith is off to rugby camp Ellie is going to Spain Kiara is staying in a hotel



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Green Flag Achievement

On Wednesday the 25th we will be having a Green Flag ceremony and the 6th Graduation in the same day. We will be raising our 3rd Green Flag.

Our 1st green flag was for recycling, our 2nd was for energy, this Flag is for water and our next green flag will be for transport. On the green school committee are: Ciarán Campbell, Karl Lyons, David Kennedy, Anna Larkin, Libby Mullery, Ellen Larkin and Niamh O'Dowd. Ms. Lahart is the head of the green school but unfortunately she will be retiring next year. We are not 100% sure who will take over. They will have big boots to fill.



We will be also presenting attendance certificates (for the students who never missed a day of the school year) and music awards for the most talented musicians.

The 6th class pupils are having their graduation on the same day. They will be celebrating 8 years in St. Brendan's school. They will be watching a DVD of photos from their 8 years at the school.

We will be also marking Ms. Lahart's retirement and Fr. Naughton's jubilee. There will be a presentation and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come. It will be a great day for all.

Michael Kelly and Karl Lyons

Editorial

This is our last issue this year, but The Eyrecourt Examiner will be on sale again in September! There will be new Editors, Sports Reporters, School Reporters, Agriculture Reporters, Entertainment Reporters & Photographers. We wish the new staff well!

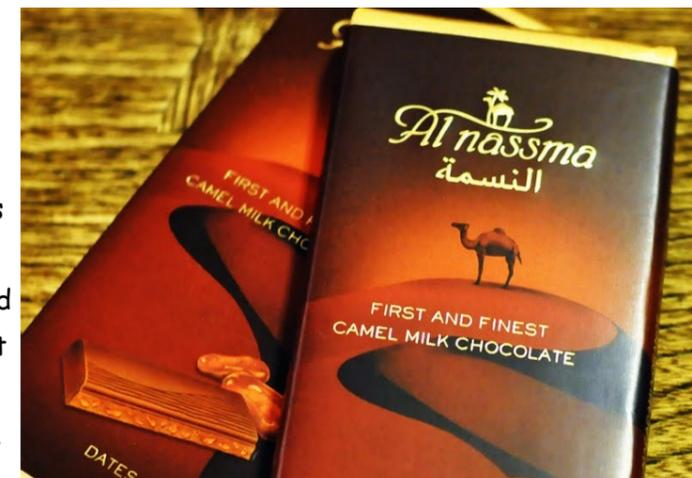
We would like to say thanks to our parents and Marion Larkin for letting us interview them and we would like to say thanks to Dr. Anne Dolan & Ms. Treacy for helping us make the Eyrecourt Examiner and we would also like to thank you for buying and reading the Eyrecourt Examiner. Have a nice Summer!



The Unusual Chocolate Bar

On the 3rd of June, our teacher Ms. Treacy said that she had bought a normal chocolate bar except there was a twist. The normal bars in Ireland have cow's milk inside but she bought this one when she was in Abu Dhabi and it had Camel Milk inside! It wasn't in squares it was just a slab of chocolate. She shared it all out to us. Ms. Treacy counted to three and we ate it. It tasted different because of the camel milk and it had a bit of a spice but I thought it tasted all right. Some people thought it was horrible. The ingredients were sugar, cocoa, butter, camel milk powder, honey, spice blend and bourbon Vanilla. Ms. Treacy bought the bar for €7! The make of the bar was Al Nassma. I think we will stick with the Cadbury and Dairy Milk chocolate for now!

Emily Salmon



Reader Pictures

Congratulations to one of our readers Mary Madden Clonfert. She is pictured at her INTO retirement function in Ballinasloe on Thursday 19th June.

Mary started her teaching career in Eyrecourt NS in 1974 on the very classroom 5th and 6th class use now!

She reads our paper every month and always pays €2 for it as she believes it is well worth it and we should charge more.

Mary taught in Fahy NS and went on to be principal of Newtown school for 23 years.

Best wishes in retirement from all the Eyrecourt Examiner staff.

Pictured are Anne Burke Chairperson, Mary Madden (centre) and Noel Lohan Secretary Ballinasloe INTO.



Chernobyl Children

The Chernobyl disaster is the world's worst environmental disaster. It has started an endless chain reaction which has affected millions of people. The number affected may never be known and the number of people who have died or who could eventually die is highly controversial. The Chernobyl disaster has certainly had the effect of multiplying any previous problems that existed in society by many times and as usual it is the weakest in such societies that suffer the most. While the experts argue the statistics, the fact remains that thousands of children continue to suffer.

14 years ago a group called Daisy Chain was formed in Eyrecourt. It was set up to bring children from the Chernobyl area to Ireland for a holiday. They go to different houses and stay there for a month.

The Daisy Chain group have been taking Chernobyl Children for 14 years.

The benefits of those children coming to Ireland are that they get fresh air, good food and caring families for one month. To raise money the group do a church gate collection, a cake sales, and raffles. Last year was the first year the group took children from an orphanage. This year the group will take the same girls. *Oisín Neylon*

Pictured left: the 2014 orphan children hosted by the Daisy Chain Group.

Agriculture Section

As we are now in mid summer, farmers are finishing silage and starting hay and wraps. Thankfully there will be no fodder crisis next year because the weather has been exceptionally good for the past three and a half weeks which is plenty of time to cut grass. As barley is soon going to be harvested I suggest book your contractor right now.

Shocking Factory Prices

Two weeks ago, the lamb prices crashed at -40c per kg so they are at €5.20 per kg in Kepack Athleague. Which means the farmer loses €11.20 per head.

The cattle prices are worse than ever at €3.40 per Kg. Every week the prices are falling, so it's hard to decide whether to kill your animals next week or the following week. But at least there's the old saying "There's always light at the end of a dark tunnel".



The top silage outfit

- Harvester : Claas jaguar
 - Mowers: Self propelled Krone disc mower
 - Rake: Claas liner
 - Trailers: Herron
 - Silage wagons: Strautman
 - Tractors: John Deere
 - Wheel loader for pit: Komatsu
 - Tractors for pit: John Deere with Rossmore front loader
 - Bales
 - Round Balers: Mc Hale
 - Round balers: with wrapper Mc Hale fusion
 - Square balers : (Big & Small) New Holland
 - Wrappers : Mc Hale
 - Bale grabs: Rossmore
 - Trailers for bales: Herron
- Emily Salmon, Mark Larkin & Patrick Duffy*



On Friday the 13th of June 5th and 6th class went on our school tour to Athlone. We met at the school at 8am. We travelled on the bus to Athlone's Costume Army Barracks where we saw the parade. The parade



was cool; the soldiers marched up and down. We then went and saw a weapon display. We got to hold and fire non loaded guns. The guns we got to use were snipers, machine guns, light machine guns, bazookas and tripods. After that we hopped into a big heavy reckie jeep. It was a five seater. It was full of gadgets.



We dismissed the soldiers and off we went to Bay Sports. When we arrived we got changed. A man called Brian was our guide. First up was the Chinese Dragon boat There was one drummer and that was Ryan Cox and the rest of us paddled. Next in line was go-karting. We split up into teams, they were 6th class boys, 5th class boys and 5th and 6th class girls. The point of the game was to race each other to a pile of jigsaw pieces and back and the build the jigsaw. 6th class boys came 1st, with the girls in 2nd place and 5th class boys unfinished. We did archery next. 6th class boys won and the girls came 2nd by hitting the target more times. We then had lunch. Later we did orienteering. Then team building.



After we went into trees. We had to find stones to make a circle for the fire. We had to find dry sticks to light it. We tried to start the fire with flint but we failed. Brian our buddy used a lighter. We roasted marshmallows over the fire. Then we did water trampolining. It wasn't our favourite but we liked hopping into the water after. Next on the agenda was pier jumping.



We were all excited. The water was cold but it didn't matter. We all jumped at least once. The last event was kayaking. There wasn't enough kayaks for everyone so people hopped into a rowing boat. All the people in the kayaks decided it would be a brilliant idea if we took over their boat. We did it and headed off to the lovely warm showers.

We walked casually across to the Hudson Bay hotel. As we entered the room they started bringing in our meals. Our selections were turkey and ham, chicken strips, chicken gujons, pasta and salmon. We ate our meal and then waited for our desserts. They were chocolate brownies and ice-cream. It was delightful. After a long tiring day we walked on the bus with a full stomach and we were ready for our journey home. It was worth the early morning. What away to end the year and finish primary school. **BEST SCHOOL TOUR EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** *Colin Downey, Tomás Flynn & Ryan Cox*



Sports Round Up

The Hillsborough Ceremony

The Hillsborough disaster occurred on 15th of April 1989 at the Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. During the FA Cup Semi - final match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest football clubs. A human crush resulted in the deaths of 96 people and injuries of 766 others. The disaster remains the worst Stadium related in British History and one of the worst football disasters.

On the 15th of April 2014 Liverpool held a memorial service 25 years after the disaster. It was held in Enfield and gave the families and the world the chance to pay their respects to the 96 people that died. Past and Present Players, Managers and fans from all over the country attended the service. It was important for all those people to remember the people who died that day. At least the disaster made Stadiums all over the world a safer place, ensures that crowds are stewarded correctly. The saying is "You'll never walk alone."

Shea Sloan



Under 12 girls into the Shield

On the 7th of June the under 12 girls played their quarter final! They (we) played Portumna. It was a close match. It was nearly level for the whole match. There were the two main halves and then it went into extra time with two 5 minute parts. In the last of extra time with seconds to go we got a 45. Thankfully our great free taker Aideen Lyons put it over the bar and that was the last puck of the match. The final score was Eyrecourt 7 points Portumna 1 goal and 3 points.

Then on the 14th of June we played our semi-final against Cois Ferraige. It was a very tight match. We were leading for nearly all the match. With a few minutes to go it was still a draw. Unfortunately Cois Ferraige got 2 points to put them in the lead. The Referee blew the final whistle and the final score was Cois Ferraige 2 goals and 1 point Eyrecourt 1 goal and 2 points.

We were sad that we lost but now we are in the Shield final. Wish us luck! *Anna Larkin Aideen Lyons & Caitlin Dunican*

The Galway County Show

On the 14th-15th of June, Stewarts held the Galway County Show in Galway. Mam, dad, Emily and I went to it. It was held in the Galway Racecourse on the outskirts of Galway City, Ballybrit.

At the show there was show-jumping, showing and cross jumps. There was even cattle, bulls, sheep, chicken and dog shows. There was a lot of arcade: bouncing castles, mini-golf, the bucking bronco, giant connect four and badminton (it's like tennis).

Mam, Emily and I brought the horse and ponies. Emily and I jumped 90cm and mam jumped 1m. I got one down but I am very happy with myself and my pony.

There were a lot of stalls with sweets, ice-creams and toys, and there were a lot of saddlery stalls selling saddles, bridles and lots more. The weather really helped, because it was very warm.

We left Galway to go to Eyrecourt. I had a great day and I'd love to go again.

Katie Salmon



Basketball tournament

On the 2nd of June we started a school Basketball tournament.

There were 6 teams with 6 players on each team. Every team had to play each other once. There was 15 games played in the space of 8 days. The games took place every day at big break. The matches were 7 minutes a side and two games were played every break. Ms Treacy was the referee. Team 4 they were called Igglepiggles and team 3 were the Eyrecourt Dragons who were winning for most of the competition. But team 1, The Blue Devils had one last chance to win the tournament. They played their hearts out and won the tournament.

COME ON THE BLUE DEVILS!

Tiernan Gohery & Mark Loughnane

Galway vs Kilkenny

Sunday the 22nd of June was the Leinster semi-final day. Galway took on Kilkenny in O'Connor Park, Tullamore. It was a sunny day and a big crowd travelled to the match. The first half was very tough. A few minutes before half time Kilkenny's Eoin Larkin scored but Galway responded with one of their own scored by Niall Burke. A few minutes into the second Kilkenny stormed past Galway. Not long to the end Conor Cooney scored 2 goals followed by a penalty from Joe Canning. Straight away Henry Shefflin got a point and which might have been the winner but Joe Canning equalised. Final score was Galway 5-16 Kilkenny 3-22.

Mark Loughnane

