

# EYRECOURT EXAMINER!

## Sr. Pauline

On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, Sr. Pauline visited our school. Originally from Redmount Hill, Sr. Pauline now lives in Paris, France. She came to tell us what she does with the postage stamps we collect for her.

Sr. Pauline has lived in France for over 50 years. She says she will never forget her roots in Ireland but she likes her life in France. She lives in a convent with 4 other nuns. Her order is a nursing order and they help the sick in the hospitals, visit families and carry out pastoral care in Paris. They especially look after the poor. She told us that there are 63 million people

in France and a lot of them are poor.

She comes home every year and still has family in Eyrecourt. She remembers fondly going to school in our school. She hadn't been back inside the school since she left and found it a lot different from the 3 roomed school she attended. She told us she always had a calling to do something good. A nun told her they were starting a congregation in France and she joined and went there without a word of French!

Now retired, Sr. Pauline still helps the poor in France. 4



years ago she started collecting used

postage stamps. She sends them to the missionaries in Africa where they can be exchanged for food and aid. She told us that in Africa a person has to live on one bowl of rice a day. People walk up to 10km for clean water.

She thanked us for collecting stamps this year and hoped we'd continue helping her. The box for collecting stamps can be found at the front door of our school.

*Interview by Shane Kearns*

*Article by 5th & 6th class*

## St Brendan's NS

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Special points of interest:

☺ County Final's

☺ Joyce Shield

☺ Interview with 6th class.

☺ Farming.

## Top things to do over the summer.

The whole school was interviewed and we compiled a Top 5 of things to do over the summer:

5. Go to playground
4. Go to the beach
3. Go swimming.
2. Holidays
1. Go to summer camp

Other suggestions which did not make the top 5 included:

- ◇ Art
- ◇ play with family
- ◇ rebuild a car
- ◇ rock climbing
- ◇ play golf,
- ◇ Farming
- ◇ play xbox
- ◇ go to concert
- ◇ go to cinema
- ◇ go to friends house
- ◇ Skateboarding

Try to do most of these things over the summer.

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## Farming

I love farming. Our farm consists of suckler cows, calves and a Belgian Blue bull. I enjoy farming especially in the summer time as there is silage to be made and all the stock is on the land. My father has thought me how to drive our tractor and skid steer. I enjoy driving as I love machinery.

I am currently training three calves to enable me to enter in the commercial classes in the Agricultural Shows which takes

place over the summer. I hope to get a rosette, preferably a first place rosette this year. Last year I got second place in the Eyrecourt Show, and third place in the Nenagh Show and Ballinasloe Show. One of these calves is my own and I will proudly lead this calf around the ring. In the Autumn time I will sell my calf. I will use the money I get from the sale to purchase another cow.



Farming is challenging as there is various tasks from slurry spreading, saving turf, rearing cattle, picking stones, re-seeding the land. I enjoy herding the stock and watching them thrive.

*Shane Kearns*

## Interview with 6th class

Are you going to miss national school? 6 people "no" and 2 people "yes"

Are you excited for Secondary school? 8 people said "yes"

What does your new school look like? 8 people said "Big"

Is it going to be hard to remember the Teacher's

names? 8 people said "Yes for the first few weeks"

Are you looking forward to getting loads of homework? 8 people said "...NO!"



## BCG

On 19<sup>th</sup> of June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class had their skin test to see if they will be able to get the BCG. We were all a little worried but it was only a little sting.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of June the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class got their BCG. It

wasn't that bad. Some people didn't have to get it because they got it when they were small. Now we just have to make sure we keep it clean from infection.

*Caroline Murphy*



## 5th and 6th class tour

In the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class went on their school tour. We went to Bay sports in Athlone. We were all so excited to be going. We left the school at 8:45 and reached Bay sports at 10:00. It was raining but we were still excited, one of the workers told us to be safe and told us the rules. They brought us first to the Chinese Dragon boats, then we

did carting, soon after that we did Currach rowing, then we had our own lunch and they gave us hot Ribena. After that we went kayaking then had bush craft and archery. After all that our last activities were the pier jumping and the water trampoline. We were all freezing so we

got hot showers. We got on the bus and went home. It was a great day!!!

*Shauna Kenny*



## Karen and Evelyn

On 9th June Karen Mul-



lery and Evelyn Kennedy came into our school to visit us. They are now going into 2nd year in Portumna Community school. They like it very much there. Their favourite subjects are Music & Irish, their

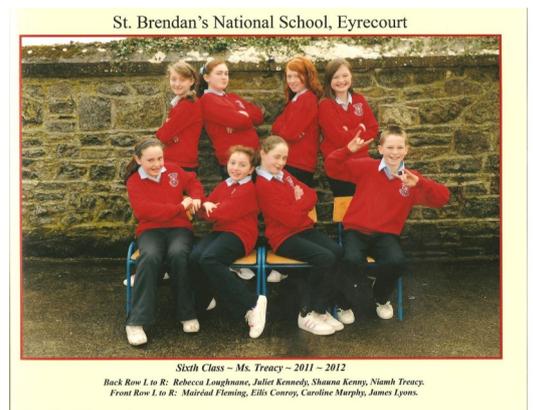
least favourite is Maths. They said their bags are very heavy and there are a lot of books. After all that they gave us home made cookies which were very nice

## Graduation

On the 14th June the 6th class had their Graduation. It was a short ceremony. We played music and Miss. Treacy had a slideshow of pictures of us from

juniors to 6<sup>th</sup> class, it was very nice. After we had tea and sweets. We also got a pen that said St. Brendans NS 6th class

*Caroline Murphy*



St. Brendan's National School, Eyrecourt  
Sixth Class - Ms. Treacy - 2011 - 2012  
Back Row L to R: Rebecca Loughnane, Juliet Kennedy, Shauna Kenny, Niamh Treacy.  
Front Row L to R: Mairéad Fleming, Eilís Conroy, Caroline Murphy, James Lyons.

## X-Factor

The x-factor auditions have recommenced.

The host is Dermot O'Leary and the judges are Gary Barlow, Nicole Sherzinger, Tulisa Contostavlos and Louis Walsh. The Xtra factor co-hosts Olly Murs and Caroline Flack will return only for the live

shows, after a US tour with fellow X-factor stars One Direction over the Summer. The search for the winner of 2012 has already been underway at the open audition's at Arena's and for the first time singers had the opportunity to perform

in the x factor van, but the real stuff starts now with the televised rounds in front of the judges. So what can we expect from the contestants in August? We will have to see!

## SUMMER MOVIES TO WATCH THIS SUMMER!

Summer Movies to watch in the cinema this Summer are:

*Madagascar 3*

*Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Gloria the hippo and Melman the giraffe are still fighting to get home for their beloved Big Apple and of course King Julien, Maurice and the penguins are all along for the comedic adventure.*

*Katy Perry: Part Of Me*

*A 3-D motion picture event movie, Katy Perry: Part Of Me, is a backstage pass, front row seat and intimate look at the fun, glamorous, heartbreaking, inspiring, crazy, magical and passionate film.*

*The Five-Year Engagement*

*The director and writer/star of forgetting Sarah Marshall re-team for irreverent comedy The Five-Year Engagement. Beginning where most romantic comedy ends look at what happens when an engaged couple Jason Segel and Emily Blunt, keeps getting tripped up on the long walk down the aisle.*

## Westlife concert

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, westlife did their Farewell concert. 85,000 thousand fans turned up to the concert (mostly girls). The opening acts were Lawson, Jedward and The Wanted. They were all very enjoyable and entertaining. You could hardly

hear Westlife performing with everyone singing along. The whole concert went from 4:00pm to 11:30pm. We were shattered by the time it was over. They performed a medley of other songs including party rock anthem and I gotta feeling. The

whole thing aired on sky t.v with thousands of fans watching.

*Written from experience by Shauna Kenny, Katelyn Davis and Niamh Treacy.*

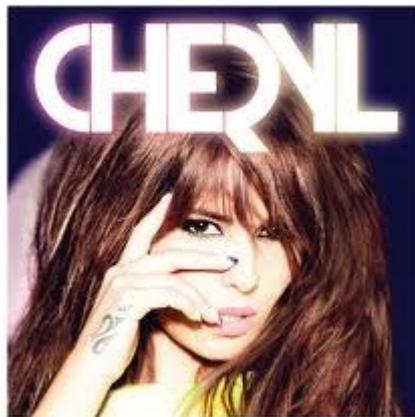
## Cheryl –A million lights

A million lights, which is Cheryl's 3rd solo album, was released in shops on Monday the 18th of June 2012. It sold 152,000 copies within the first week of selling!

There are 13 tracks on the album and has collaborations with Will-i-am and Wretch 32.

Cheryl has already brought out one of the songs, Call My Name, which was released on the 2nd May 2012.

Best song: Last one standing



## Justin Bieber—Believe

Justin Bieber's 3rd studio album was released on the 19th June 2012.

The album, called Believe, has tracks and has collaborations with Drake, Ludacris and Nicki Minaj. It sold between 290,000 and 410,000 copies in the first week.

Best song: All around the world

## Nicki Minaj- Pink Friday Roman Reloaded

Nicki Minaj's 2nd album was released in April.

It has 11 tracks and includes the singles "Starships" and "Right by my side" featuring Chris Brown.

Best song: Pound the Alarm or Beautiful Sinner

## Top 10 songs

10 We Are Young- fun ft. Janelle Monáe

9 Call Me Maybe- Carly Rae Jepsen

8 Chasing The Sun- The Wanted

7 Pound The Alarm-

Nicki Minaj

6 Flo Rida-Whistle

5 Will I Am featuring Eva Simons-This Is Love

4 Call My Name-Cheryl

3 Where Have You Been- Rihanna

2 Lets Go-Calvin Harris Ft. NeYo

1 Euphoria-Loreen

All articles on page written by Eilís Conroy, Nessa Dolan and Rebecca Loughnane

## Science Surprise

On June 27<sup>th</sup> Ms. Treacy told us that we would get a surprise. We were all keen to see what the surprise was. We found out that it was a scientist. His name was Declan. Declan performed tricks like rockets flying in the air, cutting up straws and making all kinds of explo-

sions. Infants to 2nd class had the first show at 9:30 and then 3rd to 6th had the second show at 11. It was great fun and brilliant to meet a real scientist!



## 10th Anniversary of Eyrecourt Library

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, the Library celebrated its 10 year anniversary. Laura had many events organized during the week for the community.

We all went and it was great. A lot of people there had to pick a book that was written by an Irish author and read a few pages. It was very interesting.



Juliet presenting flowers to Laura for the 10 year anniversary of the library

Then on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> presented their European projects. Each pupil had been assigned a country. They had two weeks to complete the project and had already done a practice run in school. Each pupil gave a one minute presentation and most had a poster to display as well. These posters are currently hanging in the library.

Then Laura had a quiz based on the presentations and everyone got an EU goodie bag.

She followed that by some

refreshments!

It was a great day in the library and a lovely way to end our year of library visits. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> visit the library every Thursday. Everyone talks about the books they read before they exchange their books.

Class favourites include all the Michael Morpurgo books, Horrid Henrys, Horrible Histories and witness accounts from World War 2.

Our library is a great resource for all the community and we are so lucky to have it, along with our lovely librarian Laura Flynn.



## Boys County Final

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of June the boys won their second county championship in a row. The boys were told that it was going to be a tough match but they had nothing to worry about.

Eyrecourt started well they got the first few scores

putting them well ahead by half time. At the start of the second half Eyrecourt were up by a good few goals. James Lyons was team captain and lifted the cup for Eyrecourt N.S.

Eyrecourt bet Coolarne by 13-9 to 4-4 and brought home the cup for the sec-

ond time in a row. Now there was big pressure on the girls.

*Nathan Earner, Conor Larkin, John Fleming and Nessa Dolan.*



## Girls county Final

Two days later the girls played Kilcreest in the girls county final. It was a very tough match. At half time the girls were up by two points but it wasn't over yet. In the second half Kilcreest

came back and got a goal and a point. Eyrecourt were down by two points. A few minutes later Eyrecourt got a goal and a point. The ref blew it up and Eyre-

court won the double 2 years in a row.

*Nathan Earner, Conor Larkin, John Fleming and Nessa Dolan.*



## Joyce shield 2012

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June Eyrecourt N.S. were invited to Clonfert to play in the Joyce cup. the teams that were there were Clonfert, Kilimor, Eyrecourt and Teirnahascragh we beat all of them. Rebecca

Loughnane was captain and she got the cup. we celebrated with



ice-creams in Duffys. it was a great week.

## Irish Shame in Euro 2012

Ireland's performance in Euro 2012 is one of the worst I have ever seen. In three matches we only scored one goal while conceding nine goals. The first match was against Croatia where we lost 3-1. In the next match we played Spain. This match was a show on how far behind in skill we are to the other teams, we lost 4-0. Spain was miles ahead of

us and it was shown in the score line. After that we knew that we were out so we headed into the Italy match to restore some pride but this was not to happen with a 2-0 loss and to add insult to injury Andrews got sent off. All in all we played pretty poor.

*Matthew Martin*

## Basketball Match in Clontuskert.

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class of Eyrecourt school went to Clontuskert to play a basketball tournament. We were split into four teams of five. We each played one match against Clontuskert.

Although new to basketball we proved to be naturals and won each and every game.

Clontuskert also have set up a nice ball wall and showed us how to play handball. Most of us got a go at and it was good fun, we got free drinks and oranges. It was a great day.

*John Fleming and Conor Larkin.*

