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## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Dia dhaoibh. Le seachtain anuas tá muid ag glacadh páirt i Seachtain na Gaeilge . Táimid ag déanamh go leor de na gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla a bhaineann le Seachtain na Gaeilge . Táimid ag iarraidh go léir ár ndícheall a labhairt an oiread Gaeilge agus is féidir linn taobh istigh den scoil , ar an gclós agus sa bhaile .

Sa seomra ranga sinsearach i mbliana táimid ag déanamh "An Nuacht" . Tá rang a 6 ag léamh an nuacht agus tá rang a 5 ag déanamh réamháisnéis na haimsire. Féach ar ár Feabhra agus Márta craoltaí nuachta ar YouTube ag Scoil Náisiúnta Dhún an Uchta Príomhoide .

Táimid ag baint an taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge go dtí seo agus tá súil agam go mbeidh sé ag cabhrú lenár Gaeilge a fheabhsú sa toadhcháil! *ag Lauren Ní Dhaibhéid agus Ehlín Ní Lorcaín*



On the 11th of March, an the Irish Independent sent a photographer to our school because they had a lot of interest in our student newspaper, the Eyrecourt Examiner! The Independent are going to feature us in their Tuesday paper along with our 1916 supplement! Over 100,000 people read the Irish Independent every day so it was a really big achievement for us! The photographer that came down take our pictures name was Andrew. He was really nice and funny. A lot of work went into staging the photos, like putting things in the right place, making sure it looked natural, making sure the lighting was right and making sure that we were all happy! *by Lauren Davis and Alan Mullery*

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# School News

## Editorial

Hi everyone,

This year is 2016, so... it is the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising! In this month's Eyrecourt Examiner we have are running a special 1916 History Supplement again. We have some further research on Eyrecourt in that time. So sit back, relax and read all about it! Also come to our school on the 15th of March to see our presentations on the Easter Rising, some music and most importantly, the raising of the Irish Flag! Happy reading,

The Eyrecourt Examiner Editors

**A date for your Diaries**

This month it's all about the EGGS!! on the 16th of March Eyrecourt NS will be hosting our annual Easter Egg raffle in the Senior classroom! Tickets are 50c for one ticket and 3 for a euro. So make sure you bring some money in to school to win those delicious Easter Eggs! If you just so happen to have some Easter Eggs just lying around your house, ( or on a supermarket shelf ) don't be afraid to come in and donate some to our raffle! Don't worry about how many tickets you get because there will be loads of Easter Eggs and there will be a few lovely hampers too... Just make sure you don't eat them before you're allowed or else the Easter Bunny won't come!

by Lauren Davis, Alan Mullery and Adam Ryan



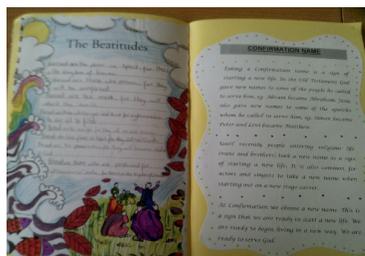
Photo by Adam Ryan

# 1916

## Confirmation 2016

On the 9th of April, 5th and 6th classes will be making our Confirmation. We will be making it with Clonfert NS. It will be held in Eyrecourt church at 11:00 AM. Because it's only a month away, Bishop Kirby will be coming in on Monday, the 14th of March to us to make sure we are ready for our Confirmation. Fr. McNerney has already come in and gone through everything with us. Unfortunately Sr Annette could not come and is gone back to Tanzania. After our Confirmation, we will be donating a small amount of our money to Sr Annette. Sr Annette will always tell us what she is using the money for. She usually uses it to benefit the schools she built in Tanzania. We have also started a scrapbook and are putting all our information about ourselves and our Confirmation in it. We have pages in it such as pupil profile, the ten commandments and our commitment ceremony. We are keeping track of everything in it and we all enjoy doing it. There are 18 pupils in Eyrecourt and pupils in Clonfert making their Confirmation this year. We are doing lots of things in preparation for our Confirmation. Lets hope the weather stays well enough for Bouncy Castles and that we have a fun and enjoyable day.

by Ellen Larkin and Kiara Corcoran.



## Poster Competition

On the 25th of February, Caroline Murray came in and announced that there will be a poster competition for our school because Eyrecourt was in the camogie intermediate all Ireland. The winner would win tickets to the match. Everyone from juniors up to 6th class were entitled to do it. She gave us a week to design or posters. She came back with some of Eyrecourts camogie stars: Molly Dunne, Siobhan Turley, Vivian Mcevoy, Pamela McCormack and Niamh McCormack to judge the posters. Everyone had put in a huge effort. There were four winners:

Junior room: Abbey  
Middle room: Jane  
Senior room: Ellie and Lauren

There were also winners from Clonfert school. They all put in a lot of time and effort into their posters, and they all won 2 tickets to the club All-Ireland.

Well done to all that took part in the competition. The girls said it was a very hard decision to pick one. Everyone in the whole school got a blue wrist band from the Camogie Association.

by Ellie Gohery and Jack Loughnane



# Local News

## Portumna Workhouse

In the famine times people went to workhouses because they had no food or money. 163 workhouses were built in Ireland before and after the famine. The Portumna workhouse was built in the year 1850 after the famine.

On the 4th of March 5th and 6th class visited the workhouse in Portumna. The first room we went into was the Board of Governors meeting room. The Board of governors had meetings in there sometimes. The windows were up high so they would not see the poor workers working. It had some of the original floor and wallpaper from that time which was made out of cone pinewood from Canada.

The second room we were in was the waiting room which was beside the Board of governors meeting room. In the waiting room people waited until they let them in. When they let them in they got a bath and they got disinfected in case they had a disease, they also got everything taken off them and the men had to shave their hair off. There was a fire in that room.

Next our tour guide gave a presentation on the Portumna workhouse. It was very interesting, he showed us the logos and things. Then we watched a video it showed all the people in the workhouse like the last woman to live there. She was really old. One day a man called John Horan was delivering things to the house and he knocked on the door and he got a fright. There was a woman dressed in black and she had a beard. That's why they called her bubbles like John bubbles O'Dwyer.



After we saw the video we went into the toilets. The toilets in there were rotten. It was just a hole in the back of the wall so you did your business there. Then we went to the matron's room. She slept in there and she had a fire in her room.

Then we went to the laundry room, there was a big pot where they cleaned the clothes. There is a story that a mad woman was given a baby because the baby's mother died. The mad woman was in the laundry room and she was dipping the baby into the boiling water. She thought the baby was a piece of clothes. We



went into the drying room. They dried the clothes in there hung the clothes on carts over a furnace to dry.

We went to where they slept. It was on a bag of straw and the bags were not big at all. There was fire at the end of the room and there was a lot of fights about who would sleep nearest to the fire. We got to lay down on them and they were not that comfortable and there would have been a lot worse in the famine because the straw would not be clean. I thought it was a very interesting and fun (and cold if you go you would want to put on a few extra layers.) For the people who would like to visit the workhouse it is open 7 days a week it opens at 9:30am until 7:30pm.

By Thomas Fleming

Rates	Price
Adults	€7
Seniors	€5
Students	€5
Families	€15
Under 13	€3



## The Pull

On the 4th of March the Pull was hosted in Eyrecourt Hall. The play commenced at 8:45pm. It was about a GAA team from Ballybore, who were trying to raise money for their club. When the play started it was very serious and political. The club was having a meeting. Some of the attendees were throwing ideas to raise money at the chairman. Brendan Gerrard's idea was to put a donkey in a cart and pull it around the town. They used John Downey as an example of a donkey. After that idea Máirtín suggested that they should pull their friend's dump truck, the new one! They decided to pull the new dump truck instead of the donkey. Then the doctor came to see all the people pulling the truck and was checking their blood pressure and their heart beat. After the break the chairman's twin brother Pyris and Máirtín were in the pub and were talking about the pull and everything that was going on around the town. Then the members of the club started selling tickets for the pull so they could get money. They didn't show anything about the pull but when it was over they told us Brendan Gerrard had died during the pull. They then started arranging plans for the funeral. They got people from the crowd to be altar servers and got more people to be the family of Brendan. The gifts were an electric guitar, two cans of beer, a black cloak, a hi viz vest and many more wacky things!

It was a very funny play and it was one of our favourite plays that we ever went to. The Pull will be touring around Ireland and England for the next few months. By Alan Mullery and Keith Bradley

# Entertainment

The screenshot shows a web browser at [www.hemingwayapp.com](http://www.hemingwayapp.com). The interface includes a top navigation bar with icons for back, forward, and refresh, along with search and bookmark options. Below this is a rich text editor with buttons for bold (B), italic (I), bulleted list, numbered list, undo, redo, link, paragraph (P), heading 1 (H1), heading 2 (H2), and heading 3 (H3). The main text area contains a paragraph of text with several lines highlighted in different colors (pink, yellow, purple, blue, green) to illustrate the app's features. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'Write Edit Help' menu. The sidebar displays a 'Readability' score of 'Grade 9 (Good)' with a progress bar. Below this, it shows 'Words: 215' with a 'More' dropdown. A list of feedback items is shown in colored boxes: '2 of 10 sentences are hard to read.', '3 of 10 sentences are very hard to read.', '1 phrase has a simpler alternative.', '1 adverb. Remove it.', and '0 uses of passive voice.' At the bottom of the browser window, a copyright notice reads '© 2013-2015 .38 Long, LLC. Created by Adam Long and Ben Long.'

by Lorna Kelly

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## Fashion Fiesta

On Wednesday the 9th of March, we went to a fashion show in the G Hotel. Our dancing teacher booked our group Power Force to dance at the GTI college fashion fiesta. All the proceeds went to the Hope charity.

Maria Walsh, previous Rose of Tralee, was the host for the night. We were very happy when Power Force got a picture with her! She was very nice and our friends mom used to teach her!

It was really weird because when we walked in loads of people stood in to get their photo with us! We felt like we were on the red carpet!

We opened the show with our first dance we like to call the C.U Factor dance as we came second with that dance at the C.U Factor. Then we did a military style dance and we finished with our favourite dance UpTown Funk!

All the 1st years from GTI designed their outfits from recycled materials! Loads of students helped out with the models makeup and the music and lighting.

Two of our favourite recycled outfits were a newspaper dress and a bin bag outfit! Wouldn't that be lovely for your next night out! We also liked what we like to call the lamp shade look! It was a crop top and shorts and a big white head piece made out of old hair curlers! And this next one would be a great look for an upcoming wedding!

The show ended with retail clothing from Brown Thomas, Top Shop and Monsoon. We really enjoyed it and it was a great experience! We also hope to book some gigs out of it!

By Alannah Larkin and Sarah O' Quigley



## Oliver!

Banagher Musical Society presented Oliver on the 18th to the 21st of February. It was held in Banagher Community College. Oliver is the second musical that the Banagher Musical Society has performed. I attended the musical on Saturday alongside my friend Alannah and the place was packed. The show was entirely based on the original storyline. The whole play was a very professional performance as they had a director, choreographer, set designer and orchestra. I must say the orchestra were very good adding in sound effects and really creating an atmosphere. The stage was very well decorated as well. The actors were just outstanding really bring their characters to life and their singing was really good too. A past pupil (David Kennedy), from this school also had one of the main parts in the play. At the end of the play there were some raffle prizes, won by some very lucky people! I really enjoyed the musical and I hope they do lots more in the future.

by Sarah O' Quigley

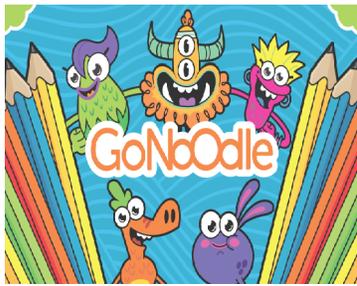
# Laurens' Healthy Tips

Hi guys. This month I'm back with Laurens Healthy Tips! This month I will be giving you guys a few little tips, tricks for exercising!

- Train with your local club or play some form of sport. Doing this is really good because you go for training sessions two or three times a week and you get a good bit of exercise.
- Go outside into your yard and do a few laps for 25mins around the yard. 5 minutes walking, 5 minutes jogging, 5 minutes running, 5 minutes walking and 5 minutes jogging. This will give you enough exercise for the day and won't drain you of your energy.
- Make sure that before you do any type of exercise, that you do the proper stretches and warmups to avoid straining and pulling muscles.
- Why not have some fun while getting fit? Well there are lots of websites for that out there like: <https://www.gonoodle.com/> and <http://www.fit4skool.com/>.
- Make sure that if you are going on a long cycle or run, bring plenty water and maybe some Fruit Pastilles for a boost of energy!
- If you are walking around during the night getting some fresh air, make sure you wear a hi-viz vest, bring a torch if it's dark and wrap up if it's chilly out.

So that's all I have for this month Healthy Tips and hopefully these will help you when exercising in the future!

by Lauren Davis



## Extra News!

### Cakes, Cakes and more Cakes!

On the 15th of March we are having a cake sale in the school. It is starting at 10a.m.

There will be all sorts of cakes and buns. There will be scones, brownies, madeira cakes, rice crispie buns and muffins to name a few.

Cake Sale day is also the very important Proclamation Day! We will be raising the Irish flag, so join us at 12p.m for some music and a little ceremony. Visit the senior room to learn about the 1916 Rising, view our records from that time and look at the roll books from the Eyrecourt schools in April 1916. We will present our projects to you and tell you about all our research on the Rising. We hope to see you all there. *by Cian Roche*



### Second class Confessions

On the 10th of March 2nd class made their first Confession in Eyrecourt church at 7.30pm. There are 7 children making their First Holy Communion this year: Gràinne Duffy, Eva Larkin, Daniel Reilly, Emily Higgins, Damien Burke, John Gohery and Orla O'Dowd. They will make their Communion on the 23rd of April. It was a great little ceremony. The next day Ms Treacy asked them all up to the 5th and 6th classroom. She had a cake for them because, as the Confirmation class explained they had made a sacrament and a sacrament is a celebration!



# Agriculture

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**BULL CALVES COW FENCE FOALS GOAT GRASS  
HORSE LAMBS PIG SHED SHEEP SILAGE SLURRY  
TRACTOR**

*by Caoimhe Kearns and Aoife O'Dowd*

## Springing into Spring!

My favourite time on the farm is springtime when the baby lambs and calves are born. I like to help my father after my homework on the farm. We feed the sheep nuts and the lambs pencil nuts. When they are big enough we weigh them. When they are 12 weeks old, if they are heavier than 40kg we send them off to the factory.

The cows are also calving. They are still indoors with their babies as the ground is wet and cold. We are looking forward to some nice spring weather so the grass will start growing and the animals can go out to the fields. When young lambs are out in the field they are at risk of being killed by the fox or grey crow. The lambs can also get diseases like Joint-Ill or Ecoli. Some ewes reject their lambs so they have to get bottle-fed. I can't wait until the ewes are finished lambing and to see the strong lambs playing in the fields. *by Eva Larkin*



Photo by Jack Rosney

# Sport

## Eyrecourt U12 camogie girls debut in Croke Park!

On the 6th of March some of the under 12 team went to Croke Park to play at half-time of the Eyrecourt girls Intermediate All-Ireland. We had to meet in gate number 327 at 1:00 p.m. We put on our boots, jerseys and scórts in the bathroom in Croke Park and then made our way out to the Hogan Stand in the stadium. We sat down in the front row of the Hogan Stand. Five minutes before half time we went out on the pitch to know what way we were playing. The girl that judged the poster competition, Caroline Murray was there and was organising us. We lost by a point but it's not all about winning - it's all about taking part. Afterwards we all got a packed lunch and a few gifts. It was a great privilege to play in Croke Park and I hope I will play in there many more times in the future. Well done to everyone that played at half time. Unfortunately, Eyrecourt lost the intermediate match, but we wish them luck now that they are up senior.

*by Ellie Gohery and Jack Loughnanne*



## Eyrecourt in Croker

On the 6th of March the All-Ireland club camogie final took place in Croke park. As you probably know Eyrecourt were playing in it. They were playing against Cahir, a team from Tipperary. The match started at 1:30pm.

Once Eyrecourt came out, there was a huge roar from the crowd, and when the girls looked behind them, they could see a sea of blue and white that gave them a massive boosts of confidence and determination.

In the 1st half Eyrecourt weren't playing as well as we thought they would probably just the occasion we hoped. At around the 15th minute Paula Kenny went off injured with a dislocated knee. She was replaced by Jennifer Rosney, but she didn't last long either, because she went in for a shoulder and she broke her collarbone. At the end of the 1st half Eyrecourt were down 0-06 - 0-01.

At half time the U12 Eyrecourt camogie girls played a challenge match against Cahir and the Killiomor U12 girls played a challenge against Milford. Some of the lads brought up the goals and got to be umpires, I was one of them.

At half time in the Killiomor match there was a soloing contest with loads of clubs in the U12 category. In the end Oranmore camogie club won the prize of 4 pink Cooper helmets.

In the 2nd half the girls didn't do much better, they weren't marking up and Cahir's no.8 and no.9 were controlling the game. But then we got a goal so we were back in the game. After that Paula Kenny came back on hobbling not their best idea putting her on. We had our chances but we didn't take them and then Cahir punished Eyrecourt point after point. The final score was 0-14 - 1-02 to Cahir.

At 9:30 the girls arrived in the hall. There was a huge crowd there to cheer the downhearted girls. There was a disco and Molly Dunne, Mark Dunne and Damien Howe gave speeches. They all said that the girls trained really hard all year and they were a great bunch.

We all know the girls were disappointed from both here and Killiomor but they have to remember how big of an achievement that is to get that far.

*by Alan Mullery*



## EYRECOURT EXAMINER'S SPORTS STAR OF THE MONTH!

### Amanda Lynch!



This month's sports star of the month goes to Amanda Lynch. We gave her this prestigious award because she has played great all year. And most of all we think that she was one of the most determined players up in Croker when her team played against Cahir. She is fast and has great skill with the hurl and never gives up, even when Eyrecourt are losing. We really think she deserves this award.

*by Alan Mullery*



# operation Transportation

Meet the leaders!



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So far Eyrecourt NS has...



Walkers

Start tracking your Green travelling!

## Goal for April



Maintain Walking, get ready for cycling!

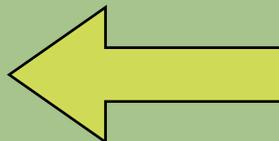
## Green School Logo!

This month we had a competition for our Green School Travel Theme Logo. All classes participated. Each student had to come up with a logo or short poem that had something to do with travel. They also had to decorate the page they wrote the logo on with a picture,

All of the entries were really good so it was quite hard to choose a winner but in the end we picked a few people whose logos we really liked and then together they merged all of their logos together into an acrostic poem.

The people we picked were Donnacha Campbell, Oisín Larkin, Emily Higgins, Niamh O'Dowd, Jane Duffy, Keith Bradley, Lauren Davis, Ellie Gohery, Alanna Hogan and Ellen Larkin. After we picked them they got to pick a prize from a table that we layed out all our Green School gifts with. The acrostic poem they came up with was;

- Take the time to leave the car behind,
- Remember the code to cross the road,
- Always wear a h-viz vest,
- Visible is better than ALL the rest!
- Everyday walk, cycle or drop 'n' hop,
- Lets get up and NEVER stop!



Green Code by Lauren Davis, Keith Bradley, Ellen Larkin, Ellie Gohery, Niamh O' Dowd and Alanna Hogan.

This will now be our official Green Code for our Travel Theme!

By Libby Mullery