

# EY RECOURTY EXAMINER!

## The Opening of Clonfert Pitch!

Over the last couple of years a lot of development work has been carried out in Clonfert pitch.

The pitch was reseeded and the drainage was improved. They also put in a ball wall which is used during training sessions so that we can improve our skills. An Astroturf pitch was constructed and as it is under lights it is available to anybody all through the year. A small stand was also erected. The dressing rooms were

extended and there are now four. The two main dressing rooms have showers and the club crest is tiled into the floor. There is a little kitchen also for when visiting teams come we are able to give them food and drink.

The date of the official opening has not been confirmed yet but they are trying to get the Galway squad to play a county team in the pitch. We are delighted with all the im-

provements over the years and hope to have good times on Clonfert Pitch for many years to come.

*Niamh Treacy*



## St Brendan's NS

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## WORLD GOES GREEN FOR ST. PATRICK

On March 17th this year some of the worlds most famous landmarks went green on St. Patrick's Day, including the world famous Niagara Falls in Canada , the London eye , the Burj al Arab in Dubai , the leaning tower of Pisa in Italy and Table Mountain in South Africa. But that's not all that took place on that day. St. Patrick's Day parades filled the streets as well. Thousands of people

flooded the streets of Dublin , London and New York for this once a year event. In Spain, the Cibeles fountain in Madrid and the whole town of Costa Blanca went green for the day. Other countries included in the celebrations were Austria and Poland. Poznan in Poland , where Ireland will play their Euro 2012 matches was also green. The Clyde auditorium and the Glasgow eye

were illuminated as well. In a world with 7 billion people ,the patron saint of Ireland with about 3,000,000 people can be honoured all over the world.

*Eoghan Mc Cormack*

## Il porcetto

On the 28th of February the 6th class went to an Italian restaurant in Loughrea (Il porcetto) with Natasha and Miss. Treacy as it was our last day of Italian. We got a starter, main course and a desert. For the starter : we got a selection of bruschetta. It was very nice. For the main course we got to order ourselves. For desert we got ice-cream! It was very enjoyable and we will miss the Italian very much!

*Caroline Murphy*



Hi everybody I hope you enjoyed the last issue but this issue is even better. It has loads more news, quizzes and pictures. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

*Editor and Sub-Editor*

## Survey on Confirmation outfits!

In our school there was a survey for the parents to see if gowns would be worn for Confirmation. There were 9 people who said yes. There were 10 people who said don't mind and there were 21 who said no. So the

5th and 6th class wont be wearing gowns this year and I think we are all happy!

*Mairéad Fleming*



## Tráth na gCeist

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge an Irish quiz took place on Wednesday 7th of March 2012 . Two teams from our school were sent to the quiz. On team 1 was Caroline Murphy, Katelyn Davis, Shane Kearns , James Lyons, Jordan Dunican and Juliet Kennedy. On team 2 there was Eoghan Mc Cormack, Catlin Dunican, Mathew Martin, Nessa Dolan, Shane O'Quigley and David Kennedy. The

first team came 4th and the 2nd team also did very well.

*Caroline Murphy*

Team 2 above  
Team 1 below



## 5<sup>th</sup> class' last day of Italian

Natasha had her final day with the 5th class on the 1st of March 2012. As part of their last lesson 5<sup>th</sup> Class made a pizza each. They really enjoyed making the pizzas. They looked very good too. When they came back Natasha was presented with flowers and a card. We have really enjoyed Italian and are sorry to see it go so soon.

*Caroline Murphy.*



## Cake Sale

Our school cake sale is on the 28th of March 2012 at 10:30 in Eyrecourt school. Homemade buns, cakes, tarts, Brown Bread, Scones and any other confectionery can be dropped into the school the morning of the

sale. Everyone is welcome.

*Mairéad Fleming*

## Easter time in Eyrecourt Library

Easter Fun Day

Tuesday April 3rd 2.30pm

Easter Eggs and chocolate treats for all

Help from Parents on the day would be appreciated.

Remember children Library will be open during the Easter school holidays

So keep up the reading.

From Laura Flynn

*Librarian*

## Eyrecourt Library opening times

Day	Time
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2-4pm
Wednesday	6-8pm
Thursday	2-4pm
Friday	11am-1pm
Saturday	11am-1pm

## Camogie challenge match against Banagher

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of march St Brendans NS camogie team played Banagher NS in a challenge match.

Two even teams went out and battled hard up and down the field. It looked impossible for one team to pull out in front. In the first half the teams scored one

goal a piece putting them level at the break. In the second half the teams scored a goal each again. At the final whistle the teams were level with two goals a piece. The team hopes to play Clonfert in the near future and the boys hope to play Clonfert and Banagher too.

*Conor Larkin*

## Fresh Shamrock

Soon it will be St. Patrick's Day and a lot of people like fresh shamrock. So to raise money for our school we are getting fresh shamrock and a sponser sheet has

been given to the pupils and they will get there's the week before St. Patrick's Day. If you don't have a child in our school you can purchase shamrock in Duffy's, Kates,

the Chemist and the post office.

*Shauna Kenny*

## Crocus Project!

The crocus that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> planted last year to remember the Jews that died in the concentration camps, are starting

to appear now. All the crocus are yellow and they will all probably be up by the end of march.

*Mairéad Fleming*

## Seisiún.

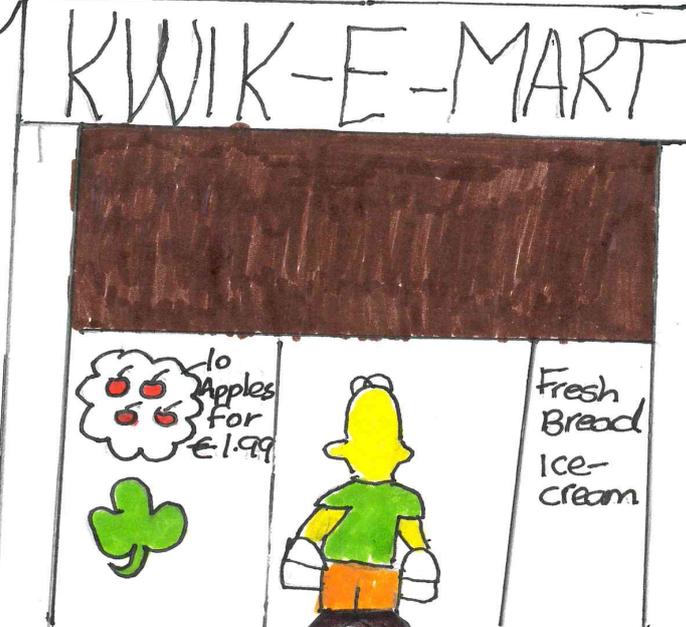
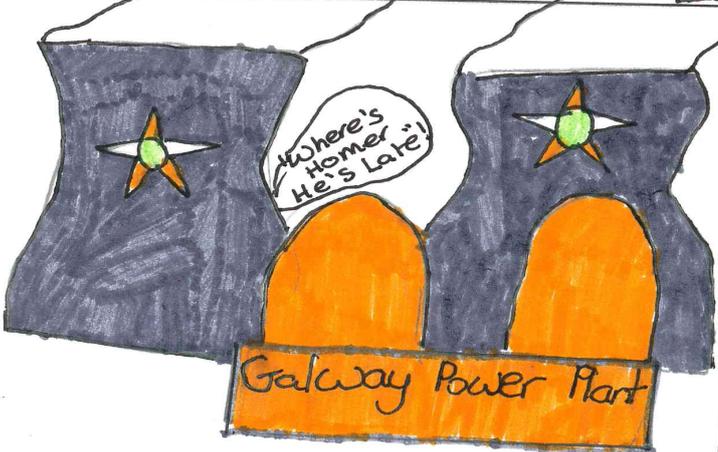
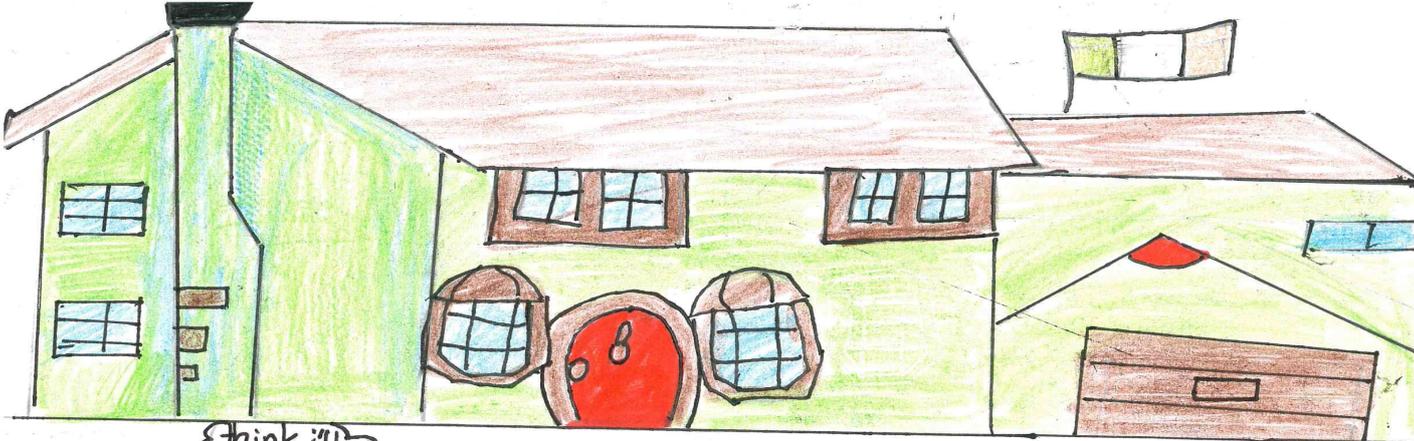
On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of March St. Brendan's N.S. had their annual St. Patrick's Day session. We had tin whistles, a banjo, a guitar, violins, violas and accordions. We had a lot of Irish dancers.

We played reels, polkas and a lot of other Irish tunes. The whole school took part and it was a brilliant day.

*Juliet Kennedy*



# Simpsons



James Mullery

## Notices from the Principal

Shamrock fundraising was a great success and over €500 has come in so far. Thank you to all the families who took a card and the businesses who helped sell so many.

The boys Mini-7s final is in Carabane on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March @11:30am. There are three groups, we are in Group 2 along with Athenry Boys NS and Oranmore NS. It was a huge achievement to get this far and we wish the boys the best of luck and enjoyment on the day. We will bring 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> to the matches on a bus, parents are welcome to come to watch the games.

### Féile Cheoil

We will perform in the Féile Cheoil next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The concert begins at 7pm and we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> (infants-2<sup>nd</sup>) and 4<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) acts. The format is the same as last year, included with this newsletter is directions and map to Dean Crowe theatre.

### Cake Sale

We have a busy week ahead!

The cake sale was moved to Wednesday because of the boys final, it is moving again to **Tuesday** because of the Féile Cheoil Tuesday night. A text reminder will be sent out.

Easter holidays commence on Friday @ 12:00 for 2 weeks

## How much world knowledge do you have?

1. What is the Democratic capital of the U.S.A.?

2. Which is the largest ocean in the world?

3. Where is the Nile?

4. What is the capital of Ireland?

5. Who lives in the White House?

6. Where does Michael D Higgins live?

7. What is the currency of Australia?

8. What is the tallest mountain in the world?

9. How high is Carrantuohill?

10. What is the capital of Australia?

11. Where are the Spanish Steps?

12. What is the population of Ireland?

13. What is the biggest county in Ireland?

14. What is the smallest county in Ireland?

15. Where is Ayers Rock?

*Shane Kearns*

## Kiltormer Mini 7s blitz

St Brendans NS Eyrecourt won the Kiltormer mini 7s group on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2012. Eyrecourt came out with a clean sheet for their side of the group beating Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Ballinasloe, Gortanumera and New Inn. Meanwhile Cappataggle were the winners in the other side of the group against Kiltormer, Creagh and Portumna. Eyrecourt and Cappataggle played an exciting final with Eyrecourt as outright winners with 5 goals and 7

points to 2 goals and 2 points. Eyrecourt are now through to the county mini 7s in Athenry some time before Easter.

*Conor Larkin*

This article was recently published in the Connacht tribune.



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## Irish Swimmers at the 2012 Olympic Games

Men's 100 m breast-stroke - Barry Murphy

Women's 800m Freestyle - Gráinne Murphy swimmers have achieved the Olympic Selection Time

Men's 200 m freestyle - Ryan Harrison

Men's 100m backstroke -Karl Burdis

Men's 200 m breast-stroke -Andrew Bree

Men's 200m Individual Medley - Jonathan Quinn

Women's 50 m freestyle - Fiona Doyle

Women's 200 m freestyle - Grainne Murphy; Melanie Nocher; Sycerika McMahon

Women's 400 m freestyle - Grainne Murphy; Sycerika McMahon

Women's 100 m back-stroke - Aisling Cooney; Melanie Nocher

Women's 200 m back-stroke - Melanie Nocher

Women's 100 m breast-stroke - Sycericka McMahon; Fiona Doyle

Women's 200 m breast-stroke - Fiona Doyle; Shani Stallard

Women's 100m butterfly - Bethany Carson

Women's 200 m individual medley -Grainne Murphy; Sycerika McMahon

Women's 400 m individual medley - Grainne Murphy; Sycerika McMahon

A little Irish swimming Olympic history

The only Irish Swimmer to ever win Gold at the Olympic Games for swimming was Michelle Smith (de Bruin), who competed in 2002 and won 3 Gold medals for Ireland. Later she was accused of taking drugs to help her performance and now she is banned from Olympic competitions, and the ban effectively ended her competitive swimming career. Although she lost some popularity, she was not stripped of her Olympic medals. She remains Irish most successful Olympian ever.

*Graham Mullery*

## Oscars 2012

The Oscars were held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Hollywood. The Artist which had cleaned up in most pre Oscar awards led the field when it came to the important awards on the night .It won best actor, best picture, best director, best original score and best costume design. It was an unusual winner as to win an Oscar all films are supposed to have dialogue, but the Artist is classed as a silent movie. There were also awards for the film Hugo which took away most of the technical awards.

Best actress went to Meryl Streep who was picking up her 3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar. Best Supporting actress went Octavia Spencer for her role in the film The Help. Christopher Plummer became the oldest nominee to win an Oscar for best supporting actor. There was also Irish joy when the film The Shore won Best Live Action Short film. The film had been shot in Northern Ireland by father and daughter Terry & Orlagh George.

*Nessa Dolan*



## Jedward return to the Eurovision!

The presenter Ryan Tubridy hosted the Late Late Show on Friday 24th of February. The first song, Song 1 was Mistaken performed by Maria Mc Cool. Song 2 was Mercy performed by Donna Mc Caul. Song 3 was Here I am performed by Andrew Mann. Song 4 was Language of love performed by Una Gibney and David Shannon. Song 5 was Waterline Performed by Jedward. The acts performed really well! But Jedward really entertained us!! The results were the following,

The Cork jury awarded: Mistaken with 4 points, Language of love with 6 points, Mercy with 8 points, Here I am with 10 points and Waterline with 12 points.

The Limerick jury awarded: Mistaken with 4 points, Language of love with 6 points, Mercy with 8 points, Here I am with 10 points and Waterline with 12 points.

The Galway jury awarded: Mistak-

en with 4 points, Here I am with 6 points, Waterline with 8 points, Language of love with 10 points and Mercy with 12 points.

The Sligo jury awarded; Mistaken with 4 points, Mercy with 6 points, Language of love with 8 points, Waterline with 10 points and Here I am with 12 points.

The Dublin jury awarded; Mistaken with 4 points, Here I am with 6 points, Language of love with 8 points, Mercy with 10 points and Waterline with 12 points.

The viewers votes were as follows,

Language of love with 20 points, Mistaken with 30 points, Mercy with 40 points, Here I am with 50 points and 60 points for Waterline.

The score at the end was Language of love with 58 points, Mercy with 84 points, Mistaken with 50 points, Here I am with 94

points and Waterline with 114 points. Jedward won with 114 points and will be returning to the Eurovision to represent Ireland for the 2nd time. When Jedward left the studio they were greeted with thousands of screaming fans! Best Of Luck Jedward!!

*Eilís Conroy*



# Grammy Awards 2012

The Grammys were held in the Staples centre in Los Angeles on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012. These are a few of the winners:

Album of the year: 21→(Adele)

Record of the year :Rolling in the deep→(Adele)

Best RnB album: F.A.M.E.→(Chris Brown)

Best pop solo performance: Someone like you→(Adele)

Worst dressed:Nicki Minaj

Best dressed:Rihanna

Best pop vocal album:21→(Adele)

Best RnB song of the year:Fool for you→(cee lo green ft. Melanie Fiona)

Best Rap Performance:Otis→(Kanye West ft. Jay-Z)

Best rap/sung collaboration:All of the lights→(Kanye West ft. Rihanna)

Music Video of the year: Rolling in the deep (Adele)

Best new artist:Bon Iver

Song of the year:Rolling in the deep(Adele)

Also, a few of the performances on the night included:

Chris Brown with Turn up the music and beautiful people.

Rihanna with We found love and Princess of China (featuring Coldplay)

Katy Perry singing Part of me.

Nicki Minaj singing Roman Holiday

And Jennifer Hudson singing with a tribute performance to Whitney Houston singing "I will always love you". *Rebecca Loughnane*

## Answers for Quiz page 8

1.Washington DC	9.1041 metres
2.Pacific Ocean	10.Canberra
3.Egypt	11.Rome
4.Dublin	12.4.6 million
5.Barrack Obama	13.Cork
6.Aras An Uchtaran	14.Louth
7.Dollar	15.Australia
8.Mount Everest	

## Ireland Vs Scotland Rugby.

On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March there was a Rugby match at the Aviva Stadium. Ireland were playing Scotland. It ended 32-14 to Ireland. Tries from Rory Best, Eoin Reddan, Fergus McFadden and Andrew Trimble helped Ireland win the match. Rory Best had an outstanding performance scoring the crucial first try for Ireland. It was Best that got man of the match. After a while Ireland got a penalty. Jonny Sexton took it quick and kicked it to Tommy Bowe he caught the ball and touched it down but it didn't count because of double movement. They played on and Ireland won the match. Final score Ireland 32 Scotland 14.

*John Fleming*

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## Messi Magic

Lionel Messi scored 5 goals in Barcelona's 7-1 Champions League victory against Bayer Leverkusen. He is the first player ever to score 5 goals in a Champions League game.

Messi, 24, took his overall season tally to 48 goals and is now 7 away from matching Cesar Rodriguez's all-time club record of 235.

"He's the best ever, there is no other like him", Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola said.

"His class is just extraordinary- there's no discussion"

Leverkusen coach Robin Dutt said, "without Messi, Barcelona is the best team, and with him they are in another galaxy".

*Matthew Martin*

