

Next Month in the Eyrecourt Examiner

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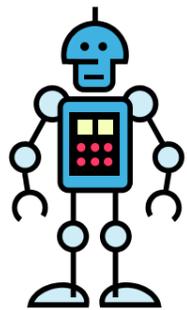
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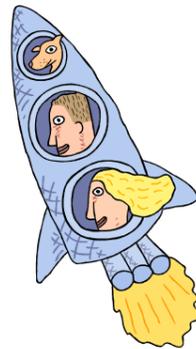
A special supplement to predict and examine the future of Eyrecourt.



Will we have a holiday home on the moon? Will robots do our ironing? And most importantly what will Eyrecourt be like?

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War Horse

War Horse came into Dublin in the Bord Gais Energy Theater on Wednesday the 26th of March to Saturday the 26th of April. It was a fantastic show with really loud gun fires, blinding light and imagination. The background was black with a ripped piece of paper in the middle. The cast used lots of props like door ways and guns.

The animals were amazing they looked so real. They were hand crafted with wood. They looked so cool. There were horses, geese and birds there. It is an outstanding show. If it ever comes back to Ireland you should definitely go and see it. *David Kennedy*



The Auction Report

During the Easter Holidays my father brought me to see an Auction of a residential farm. John Dolan was the Auctioneer. The Auction was held in Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe. It was offered in 6 lots as it was a fragmented farm. A local farmer bought 60.8 acres on Redmount Hill for €480,000. There was a 3 ½ acre field in the village sold for €60,000. The house and 27.3 acres was bought by a young couple living in Dublin for €250,000. Maybe they want to move back to the countryside. I interviewed the Auctioneer John Dolan afterwards, He said "Everyone was happy and it was sold for a fair price". He also said that the property market is better compared to last year. It was good to see an auction take place with the Auctioneer, Solicitor, buyer, seller and onlooker! Overall it was a great day.

Mark Larkin

1 Direction Where We Are Tour

1 direction came into Ireland on the 23rd to the 25th with their "Where We Are" tour. The concert in Croke Park was amazing. It went up with fireworks and left with a bang.

"Everybody loved the concert especially me" stated Anna Larkin. There are 5 members in 1 Direction Niall, Harry, Zayn, Louis & Liam. Niall and Harry are the most popular in our school. The support band was 5 seconds of summer. Our students thought they were really good but prefer 1 Direction. The concert started with a few people dancing but when the Macarena started everybody was on their feet getting ready for 1 Direction to come on the stage. The concert started at 7:30 with 5 SOS (5 Seconds of Summer) and then 1 Direction came on at 8:30. The night went so fast! There are so many favourite songs of 1 Direction in Eyrecourt N.S from "Midnight Memories" to "Happily". The people that went in our school were mostly in the Cusack stands. The night was a blast! A 10/10

David Kennedy



Pen pals!

Two weeks ago Ms. Treacy got an envelope from France. She opened it up and inside were twenty four pen pal letters. A school in Gouesnac'h sent the letters to us because Eyrecourt and Gouesnac'h are twinned villages.

Everyone in 5th & 6th class received a pen pal letter each. The class also sent a picture of their class, we passed the picture around the classroom and tried to find our pen pal.

We wrote two letters one in English and one in French to send back. The French one was a bit hard but Ms. Treacy went through some simple sentences with us to help. In the French letter we only wrote basic things like our name, age, pets, hobbies and how many brothers and sisters we have. Our English letter was longer and we told them all about ourselves. The English language is very hard to learn for them, but they are doing very well at it!

Caitlin Dunican

Student Teachers

On the 29th of April, two student teachers came to our school. They go to college in Mary Immaculate College Limerick. For the first two days they observed Ms. Treacy teaching our class.

After they watched they taught us for the next 2 weeks. Their names are Aoife Dolan and Niamh Flannery. They made lessons exciting! They did a lot of preparation and they both love to teach.

They wanted to become a teacher since they were children. They love children and helping people. At the end, they said we were a lovely class to teach!

Anna Larkin & Caitlin Dunican



1st Holy Communion

On the 18 of May the 2nd class made their 1st Holy Communion. They were preparing for about a month. For art they made challises and beautiful flowers. When interviewed some children enjoyed doing the art and others liked practicing but their favourite was ordering the bouncing castle! After the mass the families went to the hall for some buns, cakes and drinks. Then they all went home to their bouncing castle or out for a nice meal. Well done to the class and Mr. Barrett for a beautiful ceremony.

Karl Lyons & Aideen Lyons

5th and 6th Class School Tour

On Friday the 13th of June, 5th and 6th class are going on their school tour to Athlons' army barracks and Bay sports adventure centre. First on the journey is to go to the army barracks where we will get a weapon display by Murtagh Brennan. Next on the journey is to go to Bay Sports adventure centre. Here, we will be Kayaking, pier jumping and Viking ship sailing. From the profits of Eyrecourt Examiner we will be having a meal in the Hodson Bay! We emailed the hotel and bargained a price for the group. We are having main course and dessert. It will also be our staff party!

Colin Downey, Tomás Flynn and Ryan Cox

How to Mummify a Chicken

On the 22nd of May, our 5th & 6th class mummified a chicken.

Here's how to make a Mummified chicken:

- Get your local priest to do the ceremony (we skipped this step!).
- Buy a chicken at your local shop.
- Remove the organs. (Our chickens were removed previously!)
- Remove the brain with a hook through the nose. (Thankfully, already removed!)
- Dry body with paper towels.
- Dry the body (inside and out) completely by putting on salt.
- Put body in nice place to dry for forty days.
- After the forty days, stuff the body with materials such as clay and sawdust.
- Cover the body in oils to prepare for bandaging.
- Starting at the head cover the body with linen strips.
- Wrap in linen starting at head, toes, fingers, legs and trunk.
- Make a sarcophagus (a coffin).
- Put body in.
- Leave chicken with its favourite egg.
- Leave Chicken in sarcophagus for 500 years.

That's how you make a "Mummified Chicken"!

David Kennedy & Tiernan Gohery



Our Confirmation Year

On the November, we 5th and 6th class started our confirmation year with our Commitment Ceremony mass in Clonfert church.

We started our scrapbooks in January. Every few days we would get a worksheet, colour it and stick it into our scrapbook. One of the few sheets we stuck into our books were Our Personal profile, Our talents, Our favourite things, The Beatitudes and Growing up. After a good few weeks of making our scrapbooks it was nearly a week before our confirmation day. The confirmation was held in Clonfert church. We went to the church on the Monday before it. It took a while for us to organise what was going to happen in the ceremony. After a good few practises we knew what we were going to do at the mass.

We were practising all our jobs until the day came (our confirmation).

The night before we were all very excited. The morning came and we all took out our outfits. Some of the girls even had to go to the hair dressers that morning.

When we were ready we went to the church and got our seats.

The mass started at eleven o'clock sharp. The ceremony began with our procession in. The ceremony officially started with David and I (Damien) singing a hymn (The lord is alive).

It was then followed by our teachers calling our name, a while after the bishop called us up for the anointing of chrism. The sponsor came up and laid his/her right hand on our right shoulder. The bishop then anointed us with the oil of chrism in the sign of the cross and said 'Be sealed with the gift of the holy spirit' and then we went back down to our seats with our sponsors behind us. Then near the end our sponsors lit our baptismal candles from the Pascal candle. When the ceremony was finished we all had a picture with the confirmation group, then we went home and some people went places to eat dinner. All in all it was a brilliant day.

Damien Murphy and Emily Salmon



A Visit from the Captain



On the 9th of May Murtagh Brennan from Custume Barracks Athlone came to our school. He started as a cadet in 1998 and he went to U.L and studied P.E teaching. Then he became the fitness instructor for the army. He had to test all the soldiers on their fitness and devise plans for those who needed it. A few years ago he became a member of the military police and now he is the adjutant of the barracks. The commandment is in charge and the adjutant is his deputy.

He has only been to Eyrecourt twice! First when he was doing his project on small schools and the second time when we interviewed him. He said he liked our trophies and all the P.E we do.

He said his favourite soccer team is Arsenal and he played hurling for Cavan once. He was based in Cavan and they asked him to play because he was from Tipperary. He played centre forward and scored one point. They didn't ask him to line out again. He plays Gaelic football mostly. He currently trains the Castledaly football team. He has no interest in video games and told us to go out more. He said he might do P.E with us. On our school tour he will give us a tour of the barracks and a weapons display. We will be able to touch the weapons! We are all very excited. *Shea Sloan & Adam Reilly*

U 13 Meelick Eyrecourt A1 Championship vs Loughrea



On the 26th of May Meelick Eyrecourt U13s took on Loughrea in a hard fought first game in the A1 championship. It was a tough game from the word go. It started off with a point for us followed by a goal. In less than 5 mins after that we scored 2 points. The half time whistle went and the score was Meelick Eyrecourt 1-3 to Loughrea 0-2. We made our way back onto the pitch to battle on for the next 20 mins. We began the second half with a goal that slowly rolled past the goal keeper to make the score Meelick Eyrecourt 2-3 Loughrea 0-2. Loughrea scored 4 points but we rattled 2 of our own. The final score was Meelick Eyrecourt 2-5 Loughrea 0-6. We meet Liam Mellows on Thursday 29th of May. We hope we can pull it off once again. This is the starting lineout that faced Loughrea:

1 Josh Spain 2 Tomas Flynn 3 Michael Kelly
4 Shane Kearns 5 John Horan 6 Darragh Dolan
7 Shane Dolan

8 Mark Feehan 9 Jarlath McEvoy 10 Tiernan Gohery
11 Colin Downey 12 Niall Fleming 13 Karl Lyons
14 Joshua Howe 15 Mark Larkin

Colin Downey Tiernan Gohery & Niall Fleming



Slap on Martin creates a harsh result

On the 25th of May Eyrecourt intermediate boys played Abbeyknockmoy in their first group game of the year. The first few minutes Eyrecourt were popping over points. Later Abbeyknockmoy were denied a goal. A few minutes later centre back Martin Corcoran got a hit to the head which should have been a free out. While he was down Abbeyknockmoy pushed on to get a goal. At half time Abbeyknockmoy were in the lead by 1:05 0:06. The second half was very wild and both teams wanted to win. Despite Niall Lynch tapping over frees they were still down by a point. In the last few minutes Brendan Lucas pointed a sideline from the 45 yard line and it ended Eyrecourt 11 points to 1:08. *Mark Loughnane and Karl Lyons*

The Mini-Minimus

On the 3rd of May (Saturday) my mother, Emily, my aunt, my cousin and I went for the mini-minimus in Portlaois. The Mini-Minimus is a competition with three disciplines involving: running, swimming and horse riding. My cousin and my aunt came the day before with all their equipment and stayed the night.

We woke up at 6:00am and loaded all the ponies, food and clothes. We left at 7:00am.

We had to wear the pony club colours; yellow and black. We wore coloured hat covers, sweat shirts, polo shirts, shorts and beige jodhpurs.

When we arrived it was 8:30. First we had swimming at 9:30. We had to swim as many lengths of the pool as we could in two minutes.

The lifeguard asked if you wanted to get into the water, dive in off a diving board or jump in of the side of the pool. I picked to get into the water. During the swimming everyone was screaming and cheering. In the last 30 seconds he blew a horn, meaning swim as fast as you can. I swam two and a half lengths, Emily swam three and my cousin swam three. Overall, I think Tynagh pony club did very well.

When we got back, we got into the lorry and went to Stradbally. At 12:30 we went running. We had to run 1km. We ran as fast as we could. It took me 277 seconds. (that was good!) Everyone in Tynagh did very good.

After the running, we ate dinner in the lorry. At 1:00pm we went to walk the cross-country course. There was 24 jumps on the course. I was number 79 and Emily was number 80.

When we got back to the lorry we unloaded the ponies after eating hay for the last 8 hours and tacked them up.

It took a while to get into the warm-up because they were going in numerical order. When I got in, I warmed up my pony called Starlight. They called my number, so I went to the starting point. I was the last one for Tynagh to go. I went around the course with no problem. I got a clear. I got back to the lorry and everyone told me I did great. We untacked the ponies and loaded them up. After a great day, we had to go home. We said goodbye to all our friends and left Stradbally. We got home at 8:30pm. We unloaded the ponies and all the tack, food and clothes. I had a brilliant day and I am looking forward to the proper Minimus on the 7th of June!

Katie Salmon



Hunter Trials

Hunter trials is a competition on horseback. There is around 21 jumps in one cross country course. The classes are Pre-novice, novice and open. Pre-novice is the small class, Novice is the medium and open is the bigger class. The winner is the one who completes the course without the pony stopping or the rider falling off. In some hunter trials there is optimum time and some is just the fastest time.

The East Galway Hunt were hunting around the land throughout the seasons and now that it's near summer the Hunter trials are in full blast around Ireland! *Emily Salmon*

Gaelic Football

On Monday 12th of May, 5th and 6th class boys took part in a Gaelic football blitz in Clonfert pitch. In the first match we played Clontuskert, we beat them well. The next two games we played Kilcooley and Clonfert, beating both teams. In the final we came up against Kiltulla who were very strong. We put up a good battle but on the day we were beaten by a better team. We enjoyed the matches and a big thanks to Mr. Barrett for training us and for managing us on the day. We look forward to lots more gaelic next year.

Mark Loughnane

Intermediate Camogie Final

On May 11th Eyrecourt Intermediate girls played Carnmore in the league final in Loughrea Pitch. Carnmore did most of the hurling in the first half. Even so, Eyrecourt still went in 2 points up. About ten minutes into the second half, Eyrecourt lost their midfielder Paula Kenny to a second yellow card. Eyrecourt were down to 14 players for the remainder of the game. Despite this all of the girls upped their game and when the referee blew the final whistle, Eyrecourt were two points ahead and well deserved winners on the day. Final score was Eyrecourt 3:04, Carnmore 2:05. We wish them all the best in the championship.

Mark Loughnane

Under 12 Camogie on the go.

On the 15th of April we played our first under 12 match against Sarsfields in Bul-laun. They got a few early goals but we came back in the second half with 2 goals. Unfortunately they went ahead again with another few points and we lost that match but don't worry wait until you hear about the next match against Mountbellew! I don't think you need to know how we got all the scores but we got 19 goals and 2 points. Mountbellew got 0 goals and 0 points! Our next match we played Cappatagle in Clonfert. It was a close match but we beat them by 2 goals and 1 point. We were lucky for the next match it was in our home pitch, Clonfert. We played Davits. They were very good. It was a tough match. They beat us in that match. We had a long drive for the next match. It was in Kinvarra against Kinvarra. We beat them by 7 goals and 1 point to no score. The next match is in Clonfert against Craughwell on Wednesday 28th of May. If we win we will be in a quarter final. WISH US LUCK!!!
Anna Larkin, Aideen Lyons & Caitlin Dunican.

GALWAY FC VS FINN HARPS



On Saturday 5th May, I went to see my favourite soccer team, Galway FC, play against Finn Harps in the EA Sports Cup 2nd round. The game was played at the Eammon Deacy Park (Galway FCs home ground), and whoever won would progress to the Quarter-finals.



In the 8th minute, Jake Keegan took a shot from about 30 yards out which hit the post but Vinny Faherty scored from the rebound. Galway FC went 1-0 up. In the 30th minute Josh Mailey nearly scored for Finn Harps, luckily he missed which meant Galway FC were still winning. Finn Harps right back, James Doherty played so well you could have mistaken him for Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo!!! (I wasn't surprised when he got the Man of the Match award when the match was over either). There was still plenty of action in the last 60 minutes but no goals were scored meaning Galway will go through the Quarter-finals.

I think Galway FC are having a good first season because they are coming 3rd in the league and I would say they will probably be promoted to the top division of Irish football this season. Also, they are now through to the Quarter-finals of the EA Sports Cup. I hope they win it.

Ciarán Campbell

School Championship

On the 21st of May 3rd-6th class boys went to Maree to defend our title. In our group we had Oranmore, Maree, Killeenan and Craughwell. In our first match we played Oranmore. At half time we were up by 1 point, in the second half Oranmore were the better team and won by 1:06 to 1 point. In the second game we played Killeenan. It was a tough game and we drew 4 points a piece. In our last two games we played Maree and Craughwell. We bet both but it was not enough to reach the finals. Winners on the day were Killeenan. We had a good day.

Mark Loughnane and Karl Lyons

Meelick-Eyrecourt vs Portumna

On the 12th of May Meelick-Eyrecourt U12s played Portumna in Clonfert pitch. Our former teammate and classmate Jamie Hogan was centre back for Portumna. We got off to a good start with a goal and point, but Portumna hit back with a goal and a point of their own. Then we got a free and put it over the bar, so we went into half time with a one point lead. In the second half Portumna came out and scored two points and a goal. Then a mistake in our full back line lead to a goal for Portumna. We got a point in the closing stages of the match, but it was too late.

Full time score Meelick-Eyrecourt 1.03 -3.03
Portumna *Evan Gohery*