

EYRE COURT EXAMINER!

Trace Missing Persons Ireland

On Friday 11th May, 5th and 6th class did a workshop with Joseph Blake from Trace Missing Persons Ireland. He brought his dog, Patch to all the classrooms to show the children. He even let Patch up on the tables. He told us about what Trace missing persons Ireland do. They are an organisation that look for people that went missing, but most of the time they are already dead. Patch was trained in America and he is very good at finding clues. When he was finished talking inside, we all put on our wellies and went down to the woods.

They had a crime scene set up so we could see how the dogs find the pieces of clothes or other items. Patch lay down whenever he found something. Then Joseph would give patch

his ball as a reward. We found a vest, a shoe, jeans, a marker and keys. We found the "body" and then we went back to the school. We had a great time.

Shane Kearns asked Joseph some questions

Is it difficult to train the dogs?

Not really.

Have you gone to many schools?

A good few

How does Patch know what to find?

He is trained to.

How long have you been in Trace missing persons Ireland?

About a year.

Eoghan McCormack.



First Holy Communion

On the 13th May 2012 2nd class children from Eyrecourt and Clonfert made their first holy Communion in St. Brendan's Church Clonfert. 20 Children made it altogether. 13 from Eyrecourt and 7 from Clonfert. After mass everyone went across to Clonfert hall for something to eat. Everyone had a great day.

Mairéad Fleming.

Green Flag

On Thursday 24th of May Shane Kearns, James Lyons, Miss Lahart and Miss Treacy went to the Sheraton Hotel Athlone, to get the schools second green flag for energy. I think this flag is bigger than the last one. The thing is we have to



learn off tin-whistle tunes for the flag raising ceremony. However I have some good news. The good news is that while getting the green flag we got strict orders to have a gigantic party when we hoist the flag.

Shane Kearns

St Brendan's NS

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The Go Games

On Thursday the 24th of May a go games blitz was organised in Clonfert pitch for 4th- 6th classes from Eyrecourt and Clonfert schools. We were split into 8 mixed teams. Each team played 4 matches. It was a great day and we all had great fun!

Conor Larkin

The Saturdays, back in town

The no.1 girl band the Saturdays are having a concert in the greyhound stadium in Thurles on June 3rd 2012. Una Healy is also getting

married to rugby star Ben Foden in Thurles this Summer. It's no wonder they are in Ireland.

Nessa Dolan



Above: The Saturday's

5th and 6th Confirmation Day

On Saturday 5th of May the 5th and 6th class pupils in Eyrecourt and Clonfert school were very excited because today was the day they would be making their confirmation. There were thirty four children in total. Each child got their own special

job for the day. The ceremony began at eleven o'clock and finished at around quarter past twelve. We were confirmed by Bishop Kirby. Every child took the pledge not to drink alcohol until after their 18th birthday and never to take drugs. After the ceremony photogra-

phers were gone crazy taking pictures of us that took a while! Afterwards all the children and their families went to celebrate the rest of the day. All in all it was a brilliant day!!

Caroline Murphy



Above:Jedward

Eurovision Song Contest

The first semi-final of the Eurovision took place on the 22nd May 2012. 18 countries sang to get through to Saturday's big Final. Jedward were one of the 10 along with Romania, Greece, Iceland, Albania, Denmark, Hungary, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Russia and Cyprus. The second semi-final was on Thursday 24th May. The 10 countries that got through were Turkey, Ukraine,

Serbia, Malta, Lithuania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Moldova, Norway and Sweden. The countries that didn't have to qualify were France, Spain, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany & Azerbaijan. On Saturday 26th the final was hosted in Azerbaijan in the Crystal Hall in Baku. 26 countries sang and it went down to the countries votes. In the end,

Jedward didn't do as well as we thought they would and came in 19th place with just 46 points with the song Waterline. Russia came 2nd with their song party for everybody with 259 points, but the big winner was Loreen from Sweden who sang Euphoria and won the competition with a massive 372 points. Rebecca Loughnane

Britain's Got Talent Final

On the 12th of May 2012 Britain's Got Talent Final was on our TV's with hosts Ant. and Dec. and judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams. The finalists were Only Boys Aloud, Sam Kelly, The Loveable Rogues, Acrobotique, Ashley and Pudsey, New School,

Molly Rainford, Kyle and Nathalia, Ryan O' Shaughnassy (From Ireland!), Jonathan and Charlotte and The Wild-card The Mend. All the contestants performed really well! It was really hard to pick who would win! Guest acts winners of 2010 Diversity were on and Susan

Boyle! Also the judge David Walliams performed with The Show Bears! They were very entertaining. The results were, in third place was Only Boys Aloud, in second place was Jonathan and Charlotte and in first place was Ashleigh and Pudsey! That was another great year of Britain's Got Talent.

Eilis Conroy

A great hammering

Eyrecourt schools first match in this year's championship season was most definitely their best win so far. A confident Eyrecourt side came up against what Miss Treacy had before the game described as their best opponents in the group but this was

definitely not true. Eyrecourt walked in a few handy goals in the first few minutes to get ahead. Eyrecourt continued to score throughout the second half and hammered Newcastle by 10-9 to 1-1.

Conor Larkin

Leitrim match

St Brendan's NS played Leitrim in a championship Match. It was St Brendan's second championship match. Eyrecourt bet Leitrim 7-5 to 5-2. Leitrim put up a good fight but Eyre-

court won the match. Kevin Moran was the referee. Eyrecourt's next opponents were Duniry.

Nathan Earner

The Olympic Torch

The tradition of the Olympic Flame began during the ancient Olympic Games, over 2700 years ago in Greece. A flame was lit for each Olympics, every four years, and it burned throughout the games. The flame symbolized the death and rebirth of Greek heroes. The flame is started using a parabolic mirror to focus the rays of the Sun. There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympics. The Torch Relay started in Germany in 1936. The Olympic Torch today is ignited several months before the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games at the site of the First ancient Olympics in Olympia, Greece. The Flame begins its Olympic Torch Relay by touring Greece. It is normally taken to the country where the games will be held

by a sporting representative from the hosting country. This year David Beckham was chosen to carry the torch from Greece to the United Kingdom. Following that, the flame is then carried around the country where the games are to be held, using a series of torches carried by people running, walking, riding horses and camels, scuba diving, and using other means of human conveyance. The last runner uses a torch to light the large Olympic torch which burns throughout the games. The

final carrier is often kept unannounced until the last moment, and is usually a sports celebrity of the host country. The final bearer of the torch runs towards the cauldron, often placed at the top of a grand staircase, and then uses the torch to start the flame in the stadium. It is considered a great honor to be asked to light the Olympic Flame. The flame is extinguished during the closing ceremony. A new Olympic torch is designed for each of the games.

Graham Mullery

UEFA Champions League Final 2012.

The 2012 champions league final was played between Bayern Munich of Germany and English club Chelsea recently in the Allianz Arena, Munich. It was the first such final to be played in this stadium and the first time since 1984 that a team had home stadium advantage.

Chelsea became the first London club to win the champions league final as well as the 5th English club to do so and the 22nd team to win overall. Bayern Munich had four previous wins and appeared in the final eight times in all. Chelsea had been in the final just once before, losing out on penalties in 2008.

Both teams were missing players due to suspension, Chelsea's captain, John Terry received a red card in the semi-final so he missed out on the final. However he was allowed to lift the trophy in spite of his suspension.

The match itself was entertaining but Bayern Munich's finishing was not up to standard, allowing Chelsea to get off the hook on many occasions. Towards the final whistle the deadlock was broken by Thomas Muller which left Chelsea on the back foot until their first corner was headed by Drogba into the back of the Munich net. In extra time the pace picked up with the inclusion of Torres by Chelsea to attempt to stop a penalty play off, this was unsuccessful as Drogba gave away a penalty to Robin who failed to place it due to the brilliance of the Chelsea keeper on the night. The match finished 3-4 on penalties with Chelsea coming out on top.

Matthew Martin

The opening of Clonfert Pitch

The opening of Clonfert pitch took place on the 20th of May 2012. To kick off the day Galway and Wexford U21 teams played a challenge game against one another. Three of the Galway team were from our own club, Trevor Moran, Tom Ryan and Kevin Kelly.

It was a very good first half and at half time Wexford had a slender lead. The local U14 girls, U10 boys and U8 boys showed off their skills in mini games across the pitch. Everybody played well and was delighted to be playing. It was also a good second half too but sadly Galway lost.

After the match the teams and referees were presented with medals. Liam Burke the chairman of the Meelick Eyrecourt Club introduced everybody and was the master of ceremonies. Three Meelick Eyrecourt players won Senior All Ireland Hurling medals with Galway, Brendan Lynskey, Jack Lucas and Sean Silke. They also were presented with trophies. The official opening was performed by Joe Byrne (the chairman of the county hurling board). Fr. Naughton blessed the

plaque and said a few words.

The junior C panel from the Club played a match which ended the festivities.

Everybody had a great day and we all should be very proud of our club

Niamh Treacy

Qualifying match for boys

Wednesday 23rd of May saw the boys team face their last opponents before the county final. Duinry had already beat Leitrim in the mini-7s and Newcastle in the championship. Miss Barrett our music teacher who teaches in Duinry told us we should be afraid! We had little to fear, an end result of 10 9 to 1 2 speaks for itself.

The boys now join the girls on the road to the county finals. They will play in Carabane on the 13th of June against Coolarne. The girls will play Kilcrest on the 15th of June in Carabane also.

Go n-éirí libh!