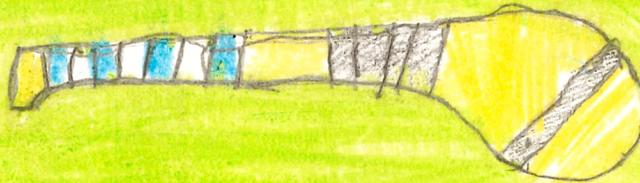


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## Eyrecourt Agricultural Show

The Eyrecourt Agricultural show was held on Sunday 18th of September 2016. Eyrecourt school pitch was the location.

To start it off, there was a tug of war the night before. Weigh in was at 7:30pm on Main St., Eyrecourt.

Entry was free and it was great fun to watch the six teams compete for the trophy. There was also a junior tug of war during the show on the Sunday. The Clonfert/Eyrecourt rivalry was spiced up by the entry this year of Lusmagh who snatched the trophy in their first year.

The show itself has been going on for many years now and it involves the judging of animals, cookery, garden produce, crafts, photography, amateur painting, poultry, essay writing, children's classes and family, fun events which was a new category this year.



There was also agricultural machinery and services on show. It was a great family fun day out. *Niamh O'Dowd*



Photo: Enda Mullery

**Congratulations to this years Logo winner....**

**LUKE HIGGINS**

**Well done Luke and enjoy your free Eyrecourt Examiner all year!**

# The Ploughing-Did you go?

*On the 3rd week of September, the school was really quiet because lots of pupils went to The Ploughing.*

*Our Agricultural Correspondent Eva, was preparing well in advance for the trip to Screggan, Tullamore. Read Eva's guide to the pPoughing and her experience there!*

## Eva`s guide to the Ploughing Champoinships 2016.

Tickets-adult one day pass 20 euro

Secondary school students 15 euro

Under 12s free entry when accompanied by an adult

Remember go early as traffic will be busy. It will take an hour to get there . Traffic reports from AA road watch [www.AARoadwatch.ie](http://www.AARoadwatch.ie) will keep you posted about any possible delays. Traffic plan and route map can be downloaded [www.npa.ie](http://www.npa.ie). Weather forecast updates available from [www.meteireann.ie](http://www.meteireann.ie).

### Exhibitors

You will need to pick out highlights as it will be hard to see everything .Download the map before you go or the Farmers Journal mobile app. I suggest:

Agrikids block 3 row 11 ,

Canning hurleys block 4 row 25 ,

Farm safety village block 2 row 10 , and Farm Machinery stalls

RTEstand block 2 row 13 . Last year I got a chance to present the weather. It was great fun.

Stands that give out freebies include The Farmers Journal, FBD ,TEAGASC, European Union...

There are lots of areas to have some lunch and food demonstrations by Chefs such as Neven Maguire at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.



I went to the Ploughing Championships on Tuesday the 20th of September 2016.

It was brilliant. It was held in 3 farms of 700 acres.

I left at 7:15am and arrived at 8:30am. The Gardai had a one-way system to allow traffic to go faster. There were many routes such as blue, yellow , purple, green, orange and brown. We parked in the brown car park. We found the car by looking up at the brown balloon.

Exhibits I saw:

Lely automatic milking machine costs €130,000 to buy. It saves labour by two days a week. It picks up some types of sickness in cows two days earlier than a farmer e.g. mastitis.

Ballymaloe products such as mint jelly, relish and pasta sauce. I enjoyed a sample of their spaghetti and pasta sauce. The company is based in Cork. Rachel Allen works with Ballymaloe.

Aldi had a big stand they were based at stand 234, row 9. They gave out samples of water with raspberry , strawberry, lemon and lime. We enjoyed parsnip and carrot soup and seabass. The brown bread baking competition took place in the Aldi tent and the winner will have her recipe in the Aldi stores for one year.

Sports companies there included O Neills, Elverys, Lar Corbett sports, Canning hurleys, Brian Walsh hurleys, O Connors hurls. There were some good bargains if you were prepared to queue.

I got my photo taken with Brendan Maher, the Tipperary senior hurling captain and Cian Healy Leinster and Ireland rugby player.

Supervalu had a large tent. We saw Hector from TG4 interviewing chefs and butchers that work with Supervalu. Today FM broadcasted live everyday at the ploughing. RTE broadcasted live on Tadio 1, 2FM, TG4. I saw Tomas O Fatharta (lives in Eyrecourt) working with Blathnaid Ni Chofaigh on radio na Gaeltachta.

It was very hard to see all the stalls, however we saw a lot in one day. I would recommend it as a great family day out.



# School News

## Meet the Juniors

On the first of September six new junior infants joined the school. Their names are Aoibhinn, Lilly, Sophie, Harry, Coleman and Sean. They were all a bit nervous at first but they settled in quickly. They are all very happy with their new teacher Ms Burke. She is the new teacher teaching juniors, seniors and first. Read her exclusive interview below! *By Jane Duffy*



## Our New Teacher Ms. Burke

On the 1st of September, all the boys and girls of our school came into a big surprise. We had a new teacher!! Her name is Ms. Burke and we interviewed her and asked her some questions.

She said her favourite subjects are art and science and she loves to teaching 1st class. Her hobbies

outside of the school is cycling. She said if she wasn't a teacher, she would be a nurse. She also said she likes our school.

She teaches juniors, seniors and 1st class. *By Molly McDermott and Enda Mullery*



## Meelick Eyrecourt Kayak Club

This summer a new group was established in the parish. The secretary is Laura Cunningham, John Staunton is the Chairperson and Ray Cunniffe is Treasurer. It is Meelick Eyrecourt Kayak Club.

John Staunton was interested in kayaking and held a meeting to see who wanted to join. They met every Sunday at Meelick quay for a five week training course and at the end of the training course they had to pass an exam to get their certificates. Now they meet every Sunday morning to practice what they've learned before. My father and uncle are both members of the club.

When kayaking you need to have two people with you. If you're in trouble in the water one person should be on land and the other person should stay with you and watch you. Another rule is that you always have to wear a helmet and a life jacket.

On the 15th of October the club traveled to Galway city to kayak on the low river Corrib. They kayaked under bridges and were pushed off high railings into the water. One of the better kayakers jumped off a railing and after he hit the water he did a somersault to land perfectly on the water.

In order to raise funds to buy necessary equipment, the club is holding a Progressive 25 Card Game in Eyrecourt Hall on Hallowe'en Night October 31st at 8pm. Tickets are €10 each and the prizes are worth €1000.

If you'd like to join, the club provides kayaks and helmets and all you need is a life jacket, a wetsuit and water shoes.

For more info visit: [meelickeyrecourtkayakclub.com](http://meelickeyrecourtkayakclub.com)

*Ellen Larkin*



# HALLOWEEN

## Halloween Monster Raffle

This Halloween is Monday the 31st of October. Our schools Parent Association are hosting a Halloween disco on that day also from 4pm to 6pm. The disco is for all ages. There will be a DJ at the disco. There will be treats and surprises.

The Monster raffle will take place at the end of the disco. The tickets are euro each.

At this stage we have tons of prizes! Here are some of them!

- \* a door worth 1,600 euro
- \* a hotel break in Dingle Skellig hotel for 2
- \* a hotel break for 2 in the Oranmore Maldron hotel,
- \* 100 euro voucher from barna waste
- \* 2 tickets to see Mike Denver
- \* makeup hamper worth 120 euro
- \* cosmetic hamper worth 100 euro
- \* ink jet printer,
- \* jewellery hamper worth 70 euro
- \* 5 skincare hampers worth 50 euro
- \* Canning hurl and sliotar signed by Joe Canning
- \* Voucher from Treacy tyres
- \* voucher from Frank Dry cleaners
- \* A carvery lunch for 2 in the Shearwater hotel
- \* Ladies handbag
- \* Mens bodywarmer
- \* Family ticket to see Santa in Pod Umna winter wonderland
- \* 2 wine hampers worth 6 bottles per hamper
- \* Christmas Santa decoration worth 65 euro
- \* Casserole Pot
- \* duvet(single)
- \* suitcase/travel bag
- \* Mens polo shirt
- \* Dinner For 2 in the Bridge House Hotel
- \* 15 euro for D-Kids Childrens Clothing
- \* Mud rasul treatment for 2 followed by afternoon tea in Loughrea & Spa
- \* 50 euro voucher for Clara House holistic Spa

And you can find out more at [eyrecourtns.ie/donate](http://eyrecourtns.ie/donate)

P.S. Latest prizes include tickets to Old Trafford and Nathan Carter!!

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By Adam Ryan

# Halloween Entertainment

Halloween means a full week off school and plenty of time for fun and games. Read below for information on two spooktacular Halloween activities in our locality.

## Spooktacular Halloween at Birr Castle

Sunday 30th 5-9pm

Suitable for years 5+.

€12.50 per child. €6.00 per adult.

Booking essential. call 0579120336.

Tour through the enchanted woods to the haunted castle. You will meet vile and terrifying suspects in a murder mystery. Can you find who is guilty or innocent? Wear your spookiest costume, prepare for a fright.

I went to this a year ago and it was brilliant so I highly recommend it. My favourite part was when we went into the dining room and the lights were flickering on and off. When the lights went off at one stage another man suddenly appeared and took us outside to the window where the woman was either pushed or fell and died. At the end we went into the woods and there was a big witches meeting, it was spooky, scary and perfect for Halloween. *By Roisin Buckley*



**HALLOWEEN ZOMBIE WALK**  
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th  
October  
Time slots:  
Sat: 6.30, 7.30 & 8.30pm  
Sun: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30 & 8.30pm  
**GARBALLY WOODS BALLINASLOE**

**€5 per person**

**Parking and Meeting Point at Ard Scoil Mhuire only.**  
Suitable for ages 5 - 105!  
It is recommended that children under 12 are accompanied by an adult.

**Online booking:**  
[www.ballinasloetownhall.com](http://www.ballinasloetownhall.com)  
**Book early to avoid disappointment**

**Halloween Zombie Walk** through Garbally Woods was a great hit with kids and adults last year. Now in it's second year most time slots are already sold out so book online immediately for the scare of your life!

## TOP 5 COSTUME IDEAS 2016

1. Super Heroes [wonder woman, superman, deadpool etc]
2. Pokemon go trainer
3. Harley Quinn [suicide Squad]
4. Snapchat Filters [doggy filter, flower crown]
5. Ghostbusters 2016

## A GREAT WIN!!!

Eyrecourt u11's team was playing Abbeyknockmoy on Friday 21st October. It was a very close match but thankfully Eyrecourt won. It was hard for the other team but there always has to be a loser. The score was 1-2 to 1-4.

It was a tough match and it was hard to tell who would come out on top. We were lucky to have excellent coaches for this camogie team. We would like to thank Ray Gohery, Carol Mc Dermott, Aisling, Laoise and Mairead. Both the team and the coaches did so much hard work to get to the final.

The team was: Molly McDermott, Amy Mannion(capt), Jasmine Gohery, Ellie Gohery, Patricia Kelly ,Kayla Earner(capt), Ellen Larkin, Mia Flannery, Eva Larkin, Amy Connaughton, Rebecca McCormack, Jane Duffy, Niamh O Dowd, Roisin Buckley, Kayla Mannion, Jennifer Glynn, Lauren McDermott , Enya Lodge and Leah Gohery.  
*Amy Connaughton*



## Eyrecourt Minors make History

On the 16th of October, the Eyrecourt minors won the minor B final against Craughwell. The score was 3-11 to 3-9.

In goals was Jason Leonard. In backs was Conor Larkin, Brendan Madden(capt), Evan Turley, Paul O Brein, Conor Dolan and Daragh Mills. In mid field was John Fleming and Graham Mullery. In forwards was James Lyons, Nathan Earner, Daragh Dolan, Lee McDermott, Jake Spain and Niall Fleming. The subs were Matthew Martin, Gary Connaughton, Stephan Cochlan, Colin Downey, Evan McCormack and Tomas Flynn.

The management team was made up of: Ogie Moran, Seamus Cahill, and Karen Connolly. Leading them to victory was Brendan Madden.

Player of the match was Lee McDermott who scored a total of 9 points. Everyone played fantastic. The last time that Eyrecourt won the minor final was in 1952. On the 1952 team was Tommy Cormican, Sean Bradley, Seamus O'Dowd, Joe Owens, Paddy Kenny, Fintan Spillane, Jimmy Davis, Donal Dempsey, Paddy Glynn, John Keating, Jim Bermingham, Topsy Kenny, Peter O'Rourke, Edmund McCormack, Ger Kelly, Edmund Clarke, Jimmy Clarke, Patrick Kenny, Patrick Dempsey, Mick Bermingham and Martin Kenny.

Eyrecourt had a brilliant game and outdone Craughwell in every sense. Well done lads!

*By Molly McDermott*



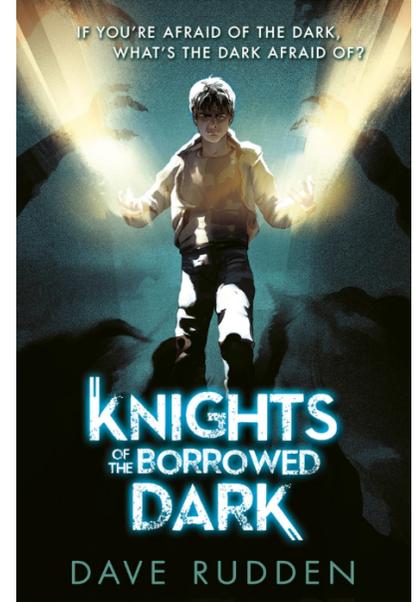
# And finally....

## Library news

Dave Rudden came to our local library to tell us about his new book *Knights Of The Borrowed Dark*. He said that he got the inspiration for the book from small experiences and ideas that come from everyday life. He also said that anyone can write a book so if you happen to be writing a book you can get an idea if you just look around!

Book week was very entertaining and school and libraries across Ireland were celebrating it. We went to our local library for two events during the week, the first event was us going to the library to see Dave Rudden and he told us about his book. The second event was when we went to the library to do a table quiz. We had great fun!

*By Niamh O Dowd*



## Interview with Inspector Nicholas Cosgrove

*Last week our school was a hive of activity, we had a school inspection! Of course as a visitor to the school Mr Cosgrove (inspector) had to get the Eyrecourt Examiner treatment!*

On the 20th of October we interviewed our school English inspector. We first asked him what he thought of the Eyrecourt Examiner. He told us that it was a great way to learn English and it would build our literacy skills.

We also asked him where else did he work? He said South Galway, North Clare and sometimes he works in Mayo and occasionally Dublin. He said he doesn't cover secondary schools.

He told us that he used to be a school principal before he became an inspector. He also said that it is challenging at times but it's really enjoyable and he likes it so far. He said that the best thing about being an inspector is

that he gets to go into lots of different schools. *By Niamh O Dowd & Enda Mullery*

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