

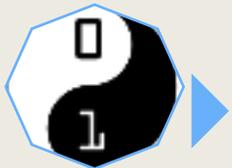
# Eyrecourt EXAMINER



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## NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK

*It's not just the Eyrecourt Examiner that looks different this September - our school is looking great too!*

The Eyrecourt Examiner is back for another year and all 70 pupils of Eyrecourt NS are back too. We welcome our 7 new Junior infant boys (see below), along with Róisín in 4th class and our new teachers Ms Larkin and Ms Stokes .

As is customary I edit the September issue. This paper is made up of the samples of work provided in the pupils job applications. The standard is very high this year and the newspaper team of 15 is outlined in the next page. From next week the newspaper team will take over all running of the paper.

This newspaper will be on sale at the Eyrecourt Agricultural show and we welcome all new readers. We can offer a postal subscription of €30 to have all 9 issues of the Eyrecourt Examiner delivered to your door for the year.

Any further details, check out our website: [www.eyrecourtexaminer.weebly.com](http://www.eyrecourtexaminer.weebly.com) or follow us on Twitter: @EyreCourt\_News

Finally, best of luck to our 2015-2016 Newspaper team.

Ms Treacy

(Interim Editor)



### THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

On the first of September seven new Junior Infants joined our school. They're all boys. Their names are Sam, Patrick, Oisin, Kalem, Jamie, Daire and Jack. On their first day back some were nervous but most were excited. They all adapted to the school routine, made friends very quickly- some old, some new and had loads of fun. They started back to one of our new teachers Ms Larkin who is filling in for Mrs Greaney as she is still on maternity leave.

This years Junior Infants photographed by *Ellie Gohery*

*Libby Mullery*

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BEEN SELECTED AND ARE LISTED  
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## The Bodyguard

On 22nd July Me, my mam, my aunt and cousin went up to Dublin to see a play called the Bodyguard. We got the train up, it took two hours to get there but it felt longer as the wifi was down!!

When we arrived we got a taxi to the Regency hotel. We arrived at the hotel and went straight to the room and dropped off our bags. When went to our room we found out we had been upgraded to a suite! We then changed into our swimming togs and went down to the pool. We had the pool all to ourselves so we could do whatever we wanted. We spent one hour in the pool before getting out to get ready for dinner and the show.

While we waited for the bus to come, we went to the bar and had mocktails. The bus came and my cousin and I got the back seat all to ourselves. On the way we past Croke park and the Three arena. When we got to the Bord Gais theatre, we went in and got some sweets and a programme. I got a teddy bear and named him Frankie after the bodyguard. It was the opening night so the show was a bit late starting. It was also former X-factor star Alexandra Burke's debut as Rachel Merron.

When the show started it was Brilliant! Alexandra Burke is an amazing singer the attendants were very strict there was no cameras allowed to be used while the show was on. At times it felt like we were watching Alexandra in concert her performance was flawless. At the end of the show they cast all sang "I wanna dance with somebody!" The entire audience were singing and dancing it was slightly embarrassing watching my mam and aunt!! When the show finished, we went back to the hotel room and ordered Hot Chocolate. Then we went to bed. The next day we had some breakfast and went back to the swimming pool. Then came back to the hotel room and checked out. The next day we went back to the train station. Katie and I went to Easons . I got two books, Moone boy and The fault in Our Stars, I also got a pack of sweets and a drink. It took two hours to get back and this time we had wifi!

I really enjoyed going to Dublin and the show and hope to go back soon.

*Kiara Corcoran*

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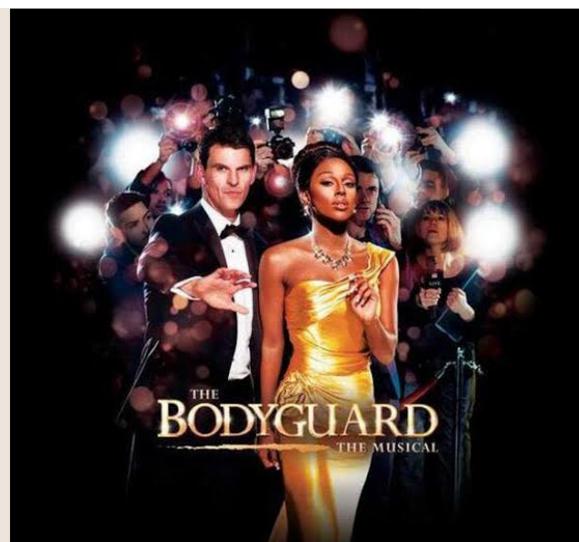
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# GRAND DESIGNS IN EYRECOURT

*BUILDERS HAVE BEEN BUSY IN TWO OF EYRECOURTS' MOST PROMINANT BUILDINGS.*

*LORNA AND ADAM GIVE US A TOUR OF THE RENOVATED SCHOOL AND PAROCHIAL HOUSE.*

Before leaving for our summer holidays, students helped to clear out our classrooms for the renovations. We brought home all our old copies and finished textbooks after turning Mrs. Barrett's old classroom into a temporary storage room for things like boxes of textbooks and bundles of folders.

On the 1st of September, students came back to find that the school was refurbished. The walls on the old part of the school building were dry lined. The toilets in the front of the school were renovated. All the front classrooms in the school now have new floor covering. The staff room has moved and in its place, there is a new principals' office.

Our classroom seems much bigger and brighter. The floor feels much nicer and cleaner since the carpet was removed. Personally, I prefer the new floor covering to the old carpet. For instance, if something small fell to the floor, it would be easier to find it. It would also be easier to clean up any spills.

Renovating the bathrooms for 5th and 6th was also a good idea, in my opinion. Although we had to wait a few extra days for locks for the bathroom doors, it was worth the wait.

Our classroom was dry lined but I haven't noticed any difference yet. But when the cold winter comes, I think we will!

I really look forward to spending my final year at St. Brendans' in our renovated classroom!

*Lorna Kelly*



The main parochial house in

Eyrecourt was built in 1948. The Howard family very kindly donated the land to the parish. The then parish priest was Fr Cogavin.

The house as with most priests had a live in house keeper, with her own living quarters to the rear of the house. Fr. McNerney has demolished this and it has now been turned into a bathroom and a wardrobe. One hears Fr. Declan is a good cook so no housekeeper needed!

The newly renovated house will have a kitchen, sitting room, three bedrooms and a wheelchair accessible parish office to the left of the house.

Work will be completed in October, and Fr. Declan hopes to move in before Christmas. Conneely Builders of Ballinasloe are the main contractors of the renovations.

The house is set on 5 acres, with 3 stables and sheds. The structure of the house was in perfect condition, as was the roof timbers.

Fr Declan says the house belongs to the parish and he hopes to make it a place of welcome to all.

Carol Derrane our parish secretary will run the office Tuesday-Friday 10am-2pm and she will help in any way, always with a warm welcome.

When asked "When is the house party?", Fr Declan replied "Watch this space!". We'll be watching! *Adam Ryan*

# GREEN SCHOOL

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASICS

Recycle Bin	Compost Bin	General Waste Bin
Newspaper	Tea bags	Tissues
Plastic Bottle	Apple cores	Wet Paper
Clean Tin Foil	Banana skins	Pencil Shavings
Clean yogurt pots	Fruit stones	
Clean Drinks Cartons	Vegetable peelings	
Cardboard		

School is back and so is the Green School! We are continuing our Travel and Transport theme and we are working our way up to getting our fourth Green Flag. The Green School committee consists of 5th/6th class and representatives from each class in the school.

While we are working on our Travel Flag, we cannot forget our earlier themes of Recycling, Electricity and Water.

So far we have printed out signs for the three bins in each classroom- Recycle bin, Compost bin and General waste. Once we had all the signs printed out a few of us from 6th class went around to the different classes and gave a lesson on about what items should go in each bin. All the pupils got a little picture of a waste item and each pupil had to decide which bin it went into and why. We are hoping they will remember the lesson when they go to put real rubbish in their classroom bins!

The Golden Boot challenge returned this week.

Every morning every pupil has to record their "scores on doors". They tick Bus, Walk or Cycle after their name if they used any of those green modes of transport to school.

While some pupils are on the bus route and older pupils are big enough to cycle, most pupils will use our Drop 'n' Hop locations and walk to school with their friends. Our Drop 'n' Hop points are: Bridge St, River St and Cloughbrack. Use the most convenient one. The walking buses generally leave at 9am and 9:10am from Cloughbrack.

Remember our School Travel rules:

1. High-viz vests must be worn when walking or cycling.
2. Helmet must be worn cycling.
3. Bikes cannot be cycled between The Square and Fr. McInerney's house. Pupils must dismount and walk with their bikes into the school to ensure their own safety and safety of pedestrians.

*Libby Mullery & Ms Treacy*





# CoderDojo



*Eyrecourt Coderdojo returns next Wednesday 23rd of September at the usual time of 6:30pm.*

## **What is a Coderdojo?**

Coderdojo is a free programming club for children and teenagers from 7-17 years. The first club was in Cork in 2011 when an 18 year old programmer, James Whelton was asked by his classmates to show them how to code. (He had received some publicity after hacking the iPad Nano). When he left his secondary school his lunchtime programming club would end so later that year with Bill Liao, Coderdojo was founded. Currently there are 675 clubs around the world and the number is growing weekly.

## **Eyrecourt Coderdojo**

Eyrecourt Coderdojo began on the 25th of September 2013. Eyrecourt pupils had tried to attend Birr Coderdojo but it was full so myself along with a group of parents and mentors decided to start our own Dojo. Our club is strictly confined to Eyrecourt pupils and former pupils from 4th class upwards.

The club was initially led by the very able then 1st year pupils Katelyn Davis, Jordan Dunican and Shane Kearns. They used the programme Scratch to teach coding skills and Eyrecourt Coderdojo was one of a kind as it operated without any internet.

The club has been very fortunate to have a wealth of expertise in the form of our adult mentors. Paul Higgins, Declan Dunican and Martin O'Dowd introduce us to the world of websites, computer building and Tinkercad respectively. We were very lucky to have Dermot Dunne and Jamie Lyons mentoring as well in the first year.

## **What happens at Eyrecourt Coderdojo?**

Eyrecourt Coderdojo is held every second Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm.

The requirements to attend Eyrecourt Coderdojo and every Coderdojo is:

1. Bring an adult/guardian
2. Bring a laptop (computers available in school also)
3. Be Cool!

Looking at last years photos, some of the activities we work on include:

- Scratch: child-friendly coding where pupils can design and make computer games
- App-creator: pupils design and make apps that go directly onto phones or tablets
- Tinkercad: creating 3D designs with online CAD. These can be imported into Minecraft
- Computer building: Stripping and rebuilding a computer.
- Websites: designing and building websites from nothing using HTML

From our photographs, you can see that Eyrecourt Coderdojo is a club. The children get direction and tips from the mentors but learn a lot from each other. It has been the most enjoyable two years so far and we look forward to welcoming new "Ninjas" to our Dojo! Further information on [www.coderdojo.com](http://www.coderdojo.com)

*Ms Treacy*



# GALWAY IN CROKE PARK 2015

## THE HAPPINESS & THE HEARTACHE

On the 10th of September I interviewed All Ireland Minor Champion Kevin Larkin. Kevin has been training with the Galway minors since November of last year.

He first travelled to Ballyhaunis for a fitness test. Kevin said it was a rough day out and he didn't know what was down the line for him. I asked Kevin how did he get on the panel in the first place. He said hard work; he got his body fat down by 10% and trained 4-5 times a week. He said "with my mind set focused on the goal at hand I strived to get myself in peak condition and challenge for a place on the panel."

He trained 4-5 times a week and usually had a match at the weekend. Kevin had to go on a special diet because his body fat was higher than a lot of players. He could have foods like oat cakes, brown rice, pesto, raisins, nuts and peanut butter. Kevin was always wired and in a good mood after training.



I asked Kevin what was it like running out onto Croke Park. He said it's such an incredible feeling, it felt like all of the Galway population were behind us. He said the dressing rooms in Croke Park are not as big as he thought but still really nice.

Kevin said the roar of the crowd when they came out was incredible, hearing all the support so early in the day was unbelievable.

The celebrating seemed to last a life time according to Kevin! Sunday night they had a banquet with the seniors, Monday for the home coming they came back to Ballinasloe first. Kevin said "I witnessed a great Eyrecourt turnout and I would like to thank them all for their support and coming out to welcome us home". Then they went to Galway for further celebrations on Sunday evening and Monday night.

He said he would love to play for the seniors and bring the Liam McCarthy back to Galway.

I asked Kevin what advice would you give to young prospective hurlers. He answered "First of all you can never do enough ball work, you can never be fit enough, the game of hurling is so demanding now you have to have an unbelievably high level of fitness and always try for progress not perfection".

Kevin finished up with saying "If I could do it all again tomorrow I would. To spend a year with such an unbelievable bunch of lads and management. It was hands down the best time of my life. It's just so hard to put into words how it felt walking up the steps of the Hogan Stand with some of my great friends lifting the Irish Press Cup after an incredible effort throughout the year. I would like to thank the lads and management for giving me the chance and to have an unbelievable year together".

*Ellen Larkin*

## OUR TRIP TO CROKER

On Sunday 6th of September we headed to Dublin for the All-Ireland senior hurling final in Croke Park. We were really excited and couldn't wait to see the match.

The stadium was packed. 82,300 people had attended the game in Croke Park. It seemed to be full of the tribes in their maroon and white. In spots of the stadium there were black and amber colours. Just before throw in, the teams marched behind the Artane Boys Band. When they stopped the roar that went up for Galway was unbelievable.

The ball was thrown in by Barry Kelly. Richie Hogan scored the first point for Kilkenny.

Galway led by 3 points at half-time. We couldn't wait for the second half and to bring McCarthy home. It was looking good.

The second half started. It wasn't going our way. Kilkenny were on top and not going to give up easily. They started to pull away then Conor Whelan got in on goal and unfortunately he missed. Even a late goal from Joe Canning brought the game to a 4 point lead for Kilkenny.

We'll fight for McCarthy again next year.

Gaillimh Abú. *Finn Gohery*



## JERSEY DAY IN SCHOOL

On Friday September 4th, as a school, we had a jersey day for the Galway Seniors and Minors who were both contending for an All Ireland title. On the day, everyone wore their Galway jerseys to school. The junior infants up to the 6th class wore Galway gear. Everybody brought in Galway hats, jerseys, flags, headbands and wristbands. Our teacher took pictures at the end of the day and sent them to the Official Galway GAA page on twitter.

*Jack Loughnane*

# EYRECOURT OUT AND ABOUT

*THIS WEEKEND IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST WEEKENDS ON THE EYRECOURT CALENDAR.*

*PA OF THE EYRECOURT AGRICULTURAL SHOW CAOIMHE KEARNS TELLS US WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT*

This is the 6th Eyrecourt Agriculture Show . It takes place on Sunday 20th September in St. Brendan's National School pitch and the square. Each year the show is getting bigger and better. This year I personally think it is going to be the best show yet. There is a huge variety of classes to enter.

Examples include:

- Sheep
- Cattle
- Dog Show
- Home Produce/Cookery
- Christmas baking Championship
- Garden Produce
- Crafts
- Pets Corner
- Donkeys
- Photography
- Poultry



This year the baking is very big it is the biggest class of all. After a lot of searching the committee got a judge for the All Ireland Christmas Baking.

Admission to the show is €5 and children are free. It is a family fun day for everyone to enjoy and participate. In school we are making scarecrows. We have sent in our essays and hopefully our school will win the 300 euro.  
*Photos & Article by Caoimhe Kearns*

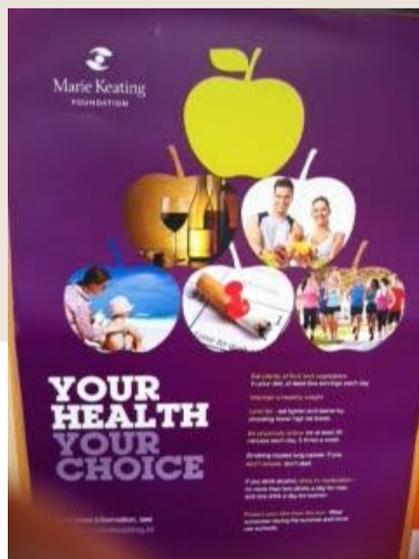
## *Doreen of the Marie Keating Mobile Unit, visits Eyrecourt as part of Irish Cancer Awareness week.*

The week beginning the 14th September 2015, was Irish Cancer Awareness week. The Marie Keating Mobile Unit nurse, Doreen, came to Davis' Pharmacy on Wednesday the 16th of September, to give people advice on detecting the early signs of cancer and to answer any queries about cancer. She gave people advice on healthy eating, giving up smoking, alcohol consumption, keeping your skin safe in the sun and the importance of regular screening tests. Nurse Doreen met with people from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and some home-baking while they were waiting. Nurse Doreen said how much she enjoyed the great community spirit in Eyrecourt and would love to come back, so we are going to make it a yearly event!

Thirty people availed of the Cancer Awareness Day and found it to be very informative and worthwhile. More information regarding the latest Marie Keating campaign against skin cancer can be obtained by viewing

[www.spottedifference.ie](http://www.spottedifference.ie) .

*Lauren Davis*



Photograph by Lauren Davis:  
Pictured with Doreen (centre) Louise and Mary of Davis' Pharmacy





# EYRECOURT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

## AND FAMILY FUN DAY

### 20th September 2015

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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