

EYRE COURTY EXAMINER!

New Juniors Infants

There are 7 junior infants. They are all settling and behaving well. Their names are Grainne, Eva, Emily, Daniel, Damien, John and Orla. They get very tired after their day of school but luckily they get easy homework. They like to play doctors, farm, kitchen, dolls and

build things. They all love the playground especially the slide and monkey bars. Their favorite things in school are singing songs, reading stories, making puzzles and doing art. I had a great time interviewing the new juniors.

David Kennedy

Picture

Editorial

Welcome back to a new school year. This issue is jam packed with lots of news. Hope you enjoy it!

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Special points of interest:

☺ County Final's

☺ Joyce Shield

☺ Interview with 6th class.

☺ Farming.

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Eyrecourt Agricultural Show

On Saturday the 15th of September, the third annual Eyrecourt Agricultural Show took place. There was something for all the family. A wide variety of cattle, sheep, horses and ponies were on show. The events included competitions for best vegetables, photography, craft and a home baking section. Art and essay competitions were also organised for pupils of local National Schools. Our own Katelyn Davis (6th class) was a joint winner of the essay com-

petition. There was also a pet's corner and very popular Dog Show. The Eyrecourt Country Queen competition was held again this year. It was won by Leanne Burke with two runners-up Louise Loughnane and Eimear Hogan. The highlight of the day

was the Tug of War which took in Eyrecourt Main Street that evening. It was won by Stapleton's "A" team.

Tomás Flynn



The Ballinasloe Horse Fair

It's that time of year again! The October Fair and Toffs funfair is about to begin. Ballinasloe Fair is one of the oldest and largest horse fairs in Europe, dating back to the 1800s.

It attracts up to 80,000 people during the 9 day event and is

worth 8 million to the local economy.

The fair starts with the parade through the town and continues during the week with tug of war competitions, horse fairs, dog shows and Toffs funfair. Events reach a climax during the 2nd weekend with Country Fair day on

Saturday. Traditionally this was the day when the local people came to the fair.

By Mark Larkin

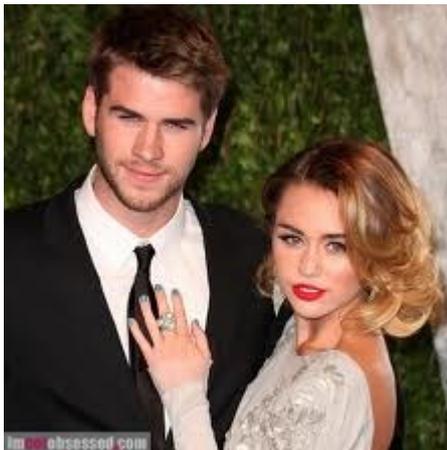
From 23rd to the 29th of September there is the 42nd Irish Hot Air Balloon Championships in Birr. There are about 35 balloons in this year's race, which makes it one of the biggest ballooning occasions ever to take place in Ireland. The Birr festival is the oldest in the world. The race works by picking a spot on the map in the area and whoever lands nearest that point is considered the

winner. Every day the teams will set out from Birr Castle to numerous spots.

By Conor Larkin



Over the summer Miley Cyrus singer/actor and Liam Hemsworth actor from The Hunger Games have decided to become engaged. Liam and Miley have been dating for 3 years now. They met when they both starred in the movie "The Last Song". As Miley is only 19 going on 20 on the 23rd of November and Liam only 22 they have decided to make it a long engagement. Liam popped the question to Miley on the 31st of May 2012 but rumour has it that they were engaged in March 2012 as Miley was spotted on the Red Carpet with a gold ring with a diamond in the middle on her wed-



ding finger but when the press asked her about it she denied everything. Looks like they are truly in love.

Olivia Reilly

The National Ploughing championships were held in New Ross from the 25th to 27th of September this year. The President of Ireland Michael D Higgins officially opened the 700 acre site on Tuesday at 12 noon. There were 1000 exhibitors and 300 competitors taking part in the ploughing championship. Ploughing competitions are only part of the event. There is trade machinery and livestock exhibitors also there are sheep dog trials, vintage machinery,

home cooking demonstrations, fashion shows and wellie throwing competitions.

Over 200,000 people attended the event over the three days. It is the highlight of the year for everybody.

John Fleming

Man Utd V Liverpool

Manchester Utd. Vs. Liverpool, 23 September 2012.

This was a big occasion as it was the first match played in Anfield since the report into the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy was published.

Liverpool dominated the first half but the match remained scoreless until the 51st minute when Steven Gerard broke the deadlock with a fantastic goal.

This happened after his team mate Shelvey was given his marching orders after a dangerous tackle on Johnny Evans.

Five minutes later Rafael replied with a cracker, leaving the keeper with no chance. Late on in the match Man Utd. Were granted a penalty following a fast run by Valencia who was illegally taken down inside the box. Van Pierse stepped up to take the shot, his second for united. Having missed one in a

previous match there were doubts about his confidence, but this world class striker was never going to miss two in a row. He put it hard into the left of the net, leaving Pepe Rainer with empty arms.

This victory was very important, leaving Man. Utd. In 2nd place behind Chelsea with just one point separating them.

Ciarán Campbell

Man Utd. V Arsel

On Sunday 23rd of September Manchester City took on Arsenal in the Etihad Stadium in Manchester. It took 40 minutes before the opening goal was scored, headed in by the Manchester City defender Lescott. It was a boring first half besides the goal from Lescott. . At the break Man City were leading. Both teams created chances in the 2nd half. Eight minutes before full time Arsenal got a corner. It was a beautiful cross by the Arsenal player but it was half cleared by Lescott. The ball came straight to Koscielny. He smashed it past Joe Hart who nearly got his finger tips to the ball. The ball ended up in the back of the net. This Barclays Premier League match ended 1-1. Now Manchester City are 7th in the league and Arsenal are 5th.

I will be looking forward to the next time these two teams clash which could be the F.A Cup or the Carling Cup. It's going to be interesting to see the table at the end of this season and where these two brilliant teams will finish in it.

Colin Downey



All Ireland Intermediate Camoige Final Galway 3-12
Derry 3-12

There was great excitement in the parish of Eyrecourt on Sunday the 16th of September when local girl and former student of Eyrecourt NS Paula Kenny led the Galway Intermediate Camoige team out in Croke Park. We should have had a second girl from the parish on the team, but unfortunately Molly Dunne suffered an injury in the semi-final win over Waterford which ruled her out of the final. I'm sure her presence on the sidelines helped the other girls on the pitch, and we wish her well while she recovers from her injury.

It was to be a great camogie match with both teams Galway and Derry giving a great display of camogie skills. Both teams scored three goals a piece and ran in point for point. Galway again had to endure a thrilling end to the match when they were awarded a free to take the match to a replay, just like the senior hurlers the week before. Rachel Monaghan stood over the ball and with a great strike the sliothar sailed over the crossbar and Galway lived to fight another

day. Paula will get to lead her team out again but not in the great Croke Park, they will have to settle for the Pitch in Ashbourne, Co Meath. We all at St Brendan's NS wish her and the Galway girls all the best on the 29th of September and hope that on the night the intermediate camoige cup will take pride of place in Eyrecourt. Gaillimh Abú

Nessa Dolan

