

# OATFIELD A SHORT BUT SWEET HISTORY

Donegal County Museum presents an exhibition on the history of Oatfield sweet factory. Through personal memories, photographs and sweet artefacts the Museum explores the world of Oatfield confectionary over the last 80 years. Using photographs by Declan Doherty we go behind the scenes of Oatfield's factory and see how the much loved sweets such as Emeralds and Chocolate Caramels are made. There will be things to do, smells to smell and even the odd sweet or two to eat for children and adults of all ages.

Admission is free and the exhibition runs from 6th December to 31st January 2009.

Opening hours Mon – Fri 10am - 4.30pm, Sat 1pm - 4.30pm.

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Photos Declan Doherty



'Sugared Goats'



'Sweet Lily'



'Excavating Orange Chocolate Deserts'



'Emerald Forest'

Photos David Beaupre  
Paul McGuckin

## The Sweet Fantastic

This exhibition adventure has been created by Angela Tillges and David Beaupre from the internationally renowned Redmoon Company in Chicago (USA) and the students from Ballyraine N.S; Letterkenny Educate Together N.S; and Scoil Niamh Fiachra, Illistrin.

Through creative writing, art making and performance, the students devised fantastical narratives about Oatfield sweets' mysterious origins and how their ingredients were "captured". These narratives were then developed into six whimsical art works, each one representing a famous Oatfield Sweet. There is also a fun activity trail to accompany the exhibition.

Admission is free and the exhibition runs from  
Sat 6th December to Sat 31st January 2009.  
Opening hours Tues - Fri 11am -5pm, Sat 1pm - 5pm.

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The Oatfield Sweet factory, like all chocolate factories, has the hallmarks of a mythical place. A place where sweets are magically transformed from base ingredients into sumptuous treats. To mark this, the 80th Anniversary of the Oatfield Sweet Factory in Letterkenny, Internationally renowned Irish Artist Abigail O'Brien has been specially commissioned to document the day-to-day workings of the factory and its staff. Sweet lovers, beware! The resulting exhibition and limited edition coffee table book contains fascinating photographic insights about how an Oatfield sweet begins and how it takes the forms we all love.

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Photos Abigail O'Brien