

Scoil Eoin Phóil

Times

Christmas Edition 2020



* Please remember school re-opens Wednesday, 6th Jan '21.

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

We made it! Our Christmas holidays have arrived and I think everyone - staff, pupils and parent(s) / guardian(s) have earned them!

The reality of school for the past 4 months is quite different to previous years. Learning experiences and routines are different and all in our school community have had to adopt and change. We could not have got through the past months without the commitment, energy, positivity and enthusiasm of staff, pupils and parents/guardians. It is a testament to everyone in the Scoil Eoin Phóil community that we have reached Christmas with the school open despite the reality of the pandemic. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Management, thank you for adhering to our safety measures which ensured the school remained open and a safe place for all.

I wish all of our families a beautiful Christmas. Maybe it will be less frantic, less focused on material things, more focused on family, simpler in every way - exactly as the very first Christmas was.

I look forward to seeing you all on 6th January - healthy, happy and ready for another school term.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir.

Imelda Lohan

A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.



Second class: Mrs Gaffney/Ms. Murray

In room 15, we have been very busy over the past few weeks. In Science, we have been learning about natural and man-made materials. We went on a materials hunt around our school and identified the properties and textures of different materials. We also carried out experiments to investigate waterproof and non waterproof materials and transparent and opaque materials. In Geography, we studied the country of Italy . We identified the tri-colour flag and the meaning of each colour. We looked at different foods eaten in Italy and we even had an Italian food festival where we enjoyed gelatos. In History, we interviewed an older person and asked them questions based on their childhood. The children interviewed people such as their grandparents, parents, minders or parents. Rhys interviewed his mother Audrey. Rhys asked her many questions based on her childhood. Rhys told us that his mother grew up in Leixlip and that she has one brother and two sisters. His mother's favourite subject in school was English and she used to walk to and from school every day. His mother played playground games with her friends and she said hopscotch was her favourite. Rhys' mother's favourite treat as a child was apple tart. Rhys' mother was lucky and had a television and a car to travel to different places.

Ella interviewed her nana. Ella said her nana lived in Mount Merrion in County Dublin. Her nana has one brother and three sisters. Her nana's favourite treat was chocolate. She also had a car and television to watch her favourite programmes.

Connor interviewed his granny. He said his granny lived in Monaghan and has three brothers and five sisters. His granny did not have a car or a television. His granny's favourite subject was Religion. She said her favourite sport was badminton and that she played hopscotch regularly with her friends.

In English, we have been getting creative and writing our own narrative stories based on the theme of Christmas. We created our own characters, setting, problems and resolutions and we really enjoyed reading each other's stories.

We had great fun creating different Christmas Art pieces over the last few weeks. We made reindeers using hessian material, we used oil pastels to create 'Catching Snowflakes', a winter art display and we created Christmas decorations to decorate the outside of our school building which we think looks AMAZING!!!! We are all really looking forward to our Christmas holidays, after all our hard work over the past few months. Most of all we are sooo excited for Santa to visit us on Christmas Eve.

'HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE' FROM SECOND CLASS ROOM 15



The Jolly Jellyfish

There was a little jellyfish from Australia called Jamie but his nickname was Jolly Jellyfish. He lived in the coral reef with all of his friends, his parents and his little sister Arial. They all loved Christmas so much. Down in the coral, they spent a long time getting ready for Christmas every year. They decorated the seaweed with tinsel, baubles and lots of other lovely decorations. As the Jolly Jellyfish and his family lived in the Great Barrier Reef, the weather was warm and humid for Christmas. Australia's summer is when we have winter and vice versa. So, when the jellyfish went up to land on Christmas Day, instead of throwing snowballs and feeling the cold, they spent their day playing with sandballs and sand castles! Even the turkey was a little different to here - they would fire it up on the barbecue and enjoy meeting family and friends. Jamie always had a great time at Christmas! By Nadine Lennon, 6th Class

My Passion

My name is Natan and I play for the local football team, Leixlip United. It's been a different year for my football team this year - we haven't played any league matches and we missed out on the chance to go to Barcelona for a football tournament in July. However, we have kept on training and enjoying ourselves.

On Tuesday 1st December, to celebrate the lifting of level 5 restrictions, we had a blitz on the Astroturf pitches in the Amenities. The under 12s and under 13s got split up. There were four teams and everybody had to play four matches. Each team had seven players. Teams wore different colour bibs and my team wore orange. We won all our games. I was centre back and somehow I scored. It was a long range effort and went into the top corner.

Our league matches might start again in 2021. We play in the under 12A Dublin league. We'll be aiming to win the league next year. Tom and Ben are also on my team. Tom is a striker and Ben plays midfield. We train three times a week, including an 8am training session every Saturday so we're very committed!

I support Manchester United. I've been to Old Trafford a few times. My favourite player in the world is Sergio Ramos and my favourite Man United player is Wan Bissaka. When I'm older I'd like to play for Man United and I'd like Pep Guardiola to be the manager.

If you want to join Leixlip United, please do! They're always looking for new players and it's a great way to spend your free time. By Natan Banka, 6th Class



3rd Class - Mr Matthews

Christmas Art:

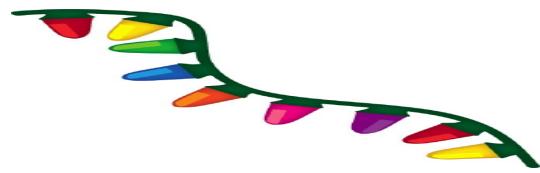
For our Christmas art this year, we created Christmas cards, baubles, crackers and reindeer portraits. We designed Christmas patterns and designs for our crackers and baubles. We coloured and laminated them and used them to help decorate our school for Christmas. For our reindeer art, we drew a close up of a reindeer and added decorations and clothes to them. We designed different Christmas cards that had Santas, reindeers, trees and wreaths on them. Instead of using brushes we created the pictures using our fingers. We really enjoyed it.

Salmon of Knowledge

We learned about Fionn and the Salmon of Knowledge in History. We had to create a movie about Fionn and the famous legend. When we had learned the story, we drew the characters and made a background. One person in the group had to retell the story while the other moved the characters around. We used iMovie to create a movie doing it.

Poetry

We recited two different poems this term, 'From a Railway Carriage' and 'The Counties of Ireland'. We learned how to change the speed and tone of our voices to mimic the sound of a train moving on tracks. We also varied the people reading different verses to add different effects.



Christmas This Year

The elves are working,
They're all having fun.
Christmas is coming,
Our fingers are numb.

Presents are bought,
Family is here.
Get ready for Christmas,
It's already near!

So have some fun,
Maybe see your friends.
It's only once a year,
Take part in Christmas trends.

Spend time with your family,
During these difficult times.
Have some laughs,
Because it will all be fine.

By Aisling Killeen

Christmas acrostic poem

Santa
Amazing
Night
Tinsel
Angel
Snow globe

Snowflake
Light
Elves
Igloo
Grinch
Holiday

by Saoirse Harrigan, 4th class



Merry Christmas



2nd class - Miss O'Connor

Christmas Art By Rian Scott

In Second Class, we have been doing Christmas art. We've made ginger bread men, baubles and Christmas jumpers. We made the gingerbread men out of clay. We are going to paint them and hang them on our Christmas tree.



Angels By Rose Neylon

We made angels in art out of doilies, it was really fun. After that we drew faces on them. Now they are on our wall for everyone to see. We made them because we were learning about angels in Grow In Love. We learned about the Angel Gabriel coming to visit Mary and the Angel who visited the shepherds to tell them about Jesus being born.

2nd class - Miss O'Connor



Camouflage by Alex Mostyn

We learned about camouflage in our English book. We also used iPads to look up more information about it. The favourite fact that I learned was about the golden red crab spider. It can blend with white and yellow flowers and then it can bite into its prey with its venomous teeth. We wrote the facts in our copybook. I liked learning about camouflage.

Zoe's Christmas Surprise

It was Christmas Eve and Zoe was SUPER excited! She had hung her stocking, left a glass of milk and a mince pie for Santa, decorated the enormous Christmas tree and put the merry angel on top. She had lights around the fire-place, snow globes on the mantel piece, she even had tinsel around the Grandfather clock! It was ten to nine, so she only had a few minutes to read 'The Night Before Christmas', as she did every year. By the time she had finished it was two minutes to nine! She put the book away, said goodnight to her parents, and she fell asleep right away. At about quarter past twelve, she heard a faint jingle sound. She thought she must have imagined it, until she heard it again, louder! Then there was a soft padding sound on the roof, almost like hooves. HOOVES! That was it! All the reindeer were probably on the roof waiting for Santa Clause to come back. She opened the door slowly, but it still creaked loudly. She still heard little snores coming from her parent's room, so it hadn't woken them, thank God! She crept down the stairs silently. She looked through a crack in the sitting room door. She saw a big flash of red, and saw a bulging sack of presents lying next to the tree. She opened the door quietly and crept in. She darted behind the sofa, where Santa couldn't see her, and crouched down. When he had left all the presents under the tree, he shot back up the chimney with his big sack. She heard him say "And we're off, Rudolph!" and a jingle of bells as they flew off to the next child's house. There was no milk left in the glass, and only a few crumbs left on the plate. Zoe had seen Santa! She was sure of it! But no one would ever believe her!

THE END!

By Lucy O'Connor, 4th class

First Class: Mrs Reynolds

We have been having a wonderful time in 1st Class! We found out so much about Antarctica. We know that Tom Crean was a sailor from Co. Kerry who went to Antarctica. He was a brave man. We wrote reports all about it! We painted a scene from Antarctica and learnt how to draw penguins!

We loved helping to make the decorations for outside, although we didn't know what we were making them for! Mrs Reynolds told us lots of white lies so we wouldn't guess that they were for the school grounds.

"My favourite thing about school is the arts and crafts we have been doing!" Luke Tsang

"I enjoyed making the baubles to go outside!"

Nayana Gadde

"I liked learning about report writing and writing a report all about Tom Crean and Antarctica."

Alex Flanagan

"I liked learning how to draw penguins!" Marnie Ward

" My favourite thing was printing the bricks for the chimney outside!" Mark Grace

" I loved learning how to make a pop card. I really enjoyed seeing it pop up!" Faye Ivory

"I love coming to school and seeing my friends every day!" Eoin Collins

"I enjoyed learning about how other people in the world celebrate Christmas!" Dylan Carton

" I really enjoyed the science experiment we did to learn about blubber." Molly Hickey

"I liked making and sewing a Santa stocking the best." Matthew Cavanagh

"I liked when we drew the penguins." Holly Lonergan

"I liked when my pop up card popped up!" Alex Cieslik

"My favourite thing is coming to school and learning!" Jade Murray

"I liked science the most." Sam Chandler

"I liked learning how to make a pop up card."

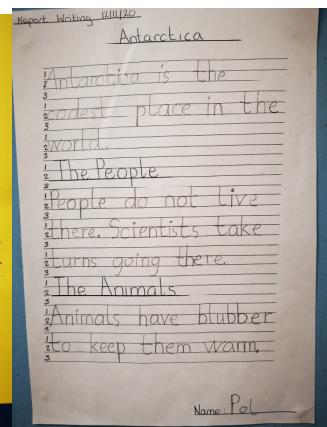
Shekinah Onyiye Philips

" I liked making a pop up card for Christmas." Pol Canchal Zhang

"I really enjoyed learning new things in Maths!" Amelya Quinn



First class



Christmas at Scoil Eoin Phóil

Christmas is more than a day in December,
Laughter that rings around the school and its hall.

Staff and students decorate the walls,
To show Christmas cheer to those who call.

Festive jumpers are created to bring joy to all,
Cards are recorded for family at home.

This year we stay safe
To protect one and all.

by Olivia Coffey, 4th class

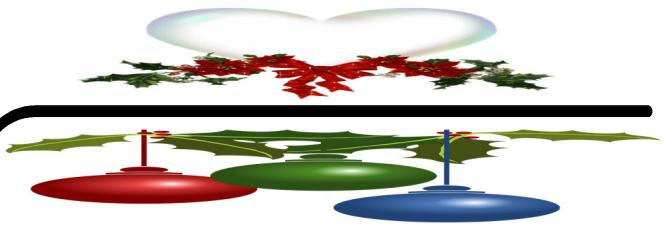


Christmas Acrostic poem

Carols
Holiday
Reindeer
Icicle
Snow
Trees
Merry
Advent
Santa

by Daniel Bradley, 4th class

Some of the Artwork throughout the school



Senior Infants

We have been really busy in Senior Infants. In November we learned all about the Laundrette. We played with our own cardboard washing machine and tumble dryer and we had our own washing line and ironing board. Now we are a great help at home with the laundry. We also explored different kinds of clothes. We wear warm clothes, now that it is Winter.

In PE we have been doing Athletics. We are able to jump in 6 different ways. We really enjoyed learning how to throw the javelin. We practised the relay race, sprint and our favourite- the reaction sprint. We have finished all of our single letter sounds in Jolly Phonics. We can read really difficult books and write great sentences like "Mrs Black likes coffee"! We learned all about Bia in Irish and about Daidi na Nollag. Our favourite song is Bualadh Bos.

We are enjoying writing our own sentences. We can write very neatly and we always try to spell new words. Have a look at some of our writing samples below.

Science Week was a highlight for us. We did lots of experiments in school and at home. We put up photographs and videos of our results on Seesaw to share with our class.

We are putting together a short video for our mums and dads of all our favourite songs and photos from this term. Mrs Black has been recording us out at the front of our school. We are allowed to explore all the decorations after our singing. We love this. We cannot pick our favourite decoration. We love everything!

In Aistear this month we are in Santa's workshop. We have been busy little elves this month!

School is lots of fun and we are looking forward to January already!

Today is Friday. It is a frosty day. It is Advent. We light the purple candle.

Name: NICOLAI News 11 DEC 2020
Today is Friday
It is a dull cloudy day
Christmas is coming
Jesus is born.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve my mother read
The story once again
Of how the little child was born
And of the Three Wise Men.
And how by following the Star
They found Him where he lay,
And brought Him gifts; and that is why
We keep our Christmas Day.
And when she read it all, I went
And looked across the snow
And thought of Jesus coming
As He did long ago.
I looked into the East, and saw
A great star blazing bright;
There were three men upon the road
All black against the light.
I thought I heard the angels sing
Away upon the Hill.....
I held my breath....it seemed as if
The whole great world were still.
It seemed to me the little Child
Was being born again....
And very near....and THEN somehow
Was NOW...or NOW was THEN.



Junior Infants Ms O' Gorman

Preparing for Christmas

The boys and girls in Junior Infants, Room 8 have been very busy. In November our classroom was turned into a building site as part of Aistear. We had to complete many different tasks as builders and had to construct our own houses. We had a wonderful time building Leixlip village. We built estates with apartments, bungalows, cottages, detached and semi-detached houses. We learned all about different building materials through 'The Three Little Pigs'. We now know that straw and wood are not strong enough to build with. In December we built igloos. It was very tricky at first because we had to dip the white foam into water to make it stick.

The girls and boys have been very busy preparing for Christmas both at home and in school. There are many things that have to be done to prepare for Jesus' birthday on the 25th of December. Here are some of our Christmas highlights:

Tyler enjoyed helping mommy and daddy to decorate the Christmas tree. They put lots of lights on the tree. He loves looking at them when the lights are off.

Rebecca watched her first ever Late, Late Toy Show. She loved looking at all of the toys. She ate a chocolate egg while watching it.

Lily went on a Santa Drive Through. She and her brothers got a board game. She enjoyed the delicious hot chocolate too! It's her brother Sam's birthday in December.

Shibhani had so much fun making her Christmas tree and Rudolf hand print. She decorated them with so many beads, tinsel and stickers. Everyone sang Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Callum saw the elves protecting the presents for Santa on his Santa Drive Through. He got a stamp from Santa. He loved playing on the guessing machine.

Karolina was so excited going on a walk with her friend Isabelle and their moms. They played races and even walked past their old play school!

Ayda was so excited when her Elf on the Shelf arrived. She found him sitting on the couch! She and her sisters have matching Christmas pyjamas.

Mohammed loves the weekend because he gets to go to the amenities and to play football. He enjoys training and doing lots of skills. Dad brings him every weekend.

Reigh and Ava had dinner at Granny's house. They helped her to decorate the tree. It had lots of lights and decorations on it. Granny read a Christmas book to them.

Luke's Elf on the Shelf is called Ralf. He searches for him every day. Luke enjoyed eating Christmas pudding. His elf didn't eat any! He has a comfy Christmas onesie!

Rosie saw a real Christmas Crib when she went to see Santa. She drove to a beautiful house that was decorated with so many lights. She put money in the box to help the sick children.

Sean's birthday is just before Christmas. He turned five and had a Jurassic World cake. He got a dinosaur that can go into the ocean.

Romy went to the light show at the airport. They had to stay in the car to be safe. Santa landed there from the North Pole. She watched a snowman movie and loved the crisps and popcorn.

Sam enjoyed watching the Christmas Panto in class. It was called 'The Sword in the Stone'. It was very funny and there were lots of songs in it. It came from the Helix. We ate lollipops watching it.



The Workshop Disaster

On the morning of December 22nd, Snowy, the leader of the elves, was sleeping in her bed dreaming about candy canes when she suddenly woke up to the noise of screaming. She quickly got up and ran down into the workshop. The elves at the teddy bear area were screaming about the teddy bears being stuffed with Lego instead of their normal fluffy insides. The elves in the remote control car area were panicking because all the remote controls for the cars were nowhere to be found. The people in the doll area were close to tears because the dolls had been mixed up with the action figures and now the dolls had Spider Man arms and The Hulk's legs. Snowy asked Santa what was going on? He said that the Naughty elf from the village had sneaked in during the night and messed up all the toys. Snowy Elf had to think quickly how to save Christmas. She marched off to the village and told them what the naughty elf had done. The villagers volunteered to help fix all the toys. Everyone worked quickly including the naughty elf who got the job of cleaning the toilets! Christmas was saved.

The End.

by Roisin Lynch, 4th class



The Visit by the Kildare Hurling Players

Ms Fadian organised a visit from two players from Leixlip who were on the winning Kildare hurling team. Kildare won the Christy Ring All Ireland Final. When John and Cathal came to visit, it was amazing and extraordinary. They brought the Christy Ring cup to the three schools on the Green Lane - Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhríde. We went outside to meet them where they were waiting for us. Some children made posters and signs for them. We came up with lots of questions to ask them which they kindly answered. Here are some of our questions:

Do you enjoy playing hurling?

What is your favourite job?

What was your dream job when you were younger?

What is your favourite hobby?

Did you like playing hurling when you were young?

What other sport would you play instead of football and hurling?

How old are you?

Who was your inspiration when you were younger?

After 15 minutes it was time to go back inside.

We loved meeting the two players from Leixlip.

by Annabel Lucas, 4th class

Laethanta Saoire

Dé hAoine a bhí ann agus bhí sé a trí a chlog. Shiúil mé amach ón scoil agus chonaic mé mo chlann ina sheasamh ag geataí na scoile. Rith mé go dtí mo chlann. Shiúileamar go dtí an carr. Chuir mé mo mhála scoile sa charr agus chonaic mé mála eile. Dúirt mo mhamaí, "Táimid ag dul go dtí an t-aerfort." Bhí áthas an domhain orm. Shuigh mé isteach sa charr.

Thiomáin mo dhaidí abhaile. Rith mé isteach sa teach. Bhain mé m'eadái scoile díom agus chuir mé mo gheansaí compórdach agus bríste orm. Chuir mé m'eadái is fearr liom sa mhála agus rith mé síos an staighre. Bhí mo chlann ina sheasamh ag an doras. Chuamar isteach sa charr arís. Thiomáin mo dhaidí go dtí an t-aerfort agus shiúileamar isteach. Bhí a lán daoine san aerfort. Tar éis tamaill, shiúileamar go dtí an t-eitleán. Shroicheadar an t-eitleán. Shuigh mé síos in aice le mo mhamaí. Bhíomar ag eitilt go dtí Spáinn. Thit mé i mo chodladh. Tar éis tamaill, dhúisigh mé agus dfhéach mé timpeall an eitleán. Bhí mo dhaidí agus mo dheirfiúr ina gcodladh. Thóg mé mo leabhar as mo mhála. Léigh mé cúpla leathanach. Tar éis tamaill shiúileamar den eitleán. Ghlaíomar tacsaí agus chuamar go dtí an óstán. Chuamar go dtí ár tseomra. D'fhéachamar ar chlár cainte agus chuamar ina gcodladh. Chodláíomar go sámh.

Ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar an lá sin go deo!

Lucy Dalton, 5th class



Junior Infants - Ms Healy

We have been very busy in Junior Infants! We have learned all about Winter and Christmas. Junior infants have made beautiful art. We made reindeer, stockings and Christmas trees. We have also learned some words as Gaeilge about Christmas and we can say Nollag Shona Duit to all of our friends!

Junior Infants are having lots of fun learning our sounds. We practise these everyday and now we can read some words!

All of the Junior Infants had great fun making their Christmas jumpers. Everyone looked fantastic and we all put lots of effort into our beautiful festive outfits!

Merry Christmas everyone from Ms Healy's Junior Infants!



Limericks

Limericks are short, humorous poems that contain one verse.

Here are some Limericks that 5th Class composed:

There once was an orange named Trump

Soon enough he became quite plump

When election came

It ended his reign

And was promptly thrown in a dump

-Avah Quinn

There once was a crazy barn owl

Who had a majestic loud growl

He zoomed over a lake

And forgot to brake

And had to use all of his towels

-Ellie Doyle

There once was an evil elf

Who liked to sit on a shelf

He wore a hat

With a belly fat

And strangely moved by himself

-Aine Nealon

There once was a girl from Kildare

Who didn't know how to brush her hair

She got it in a knot

I mean, how could she not?

Her hair went up in a flare

-Bronwyn Gray



5th Class Christmas Jokes

Q. What did one snowman say to another?

A. Do you smell carrot?

-Avah Quinn

Q. What do you call something that has lots of legs and gives bags of presents?

A. A Santapede

-Ellie Doyle

Q. What did the rude snowman say to the carrot?

A. Get out of my face

-Aine Nealon

Q. What kind of photos do elves take?

A. Elvies

-Vanessa Marone & Caireann Scott

Q. What are you called if you're afraid of Santa Claus?

A. Claus-traphobic

-Liam Lynch

Q. Who is Santa's favourite elf?

A. Elf-is Prestley

-Mia Byrne



5th Class Riddles

Ms. Hallissey's Fifth Class have been learning riddles this year.

We are getting very good at saying them clearly and quickly.

Here are a few to try!

Santa's sleigh slides on slick snow.

Swan swam over the sea,

Swim, swan, swim!

Swan swam back again

Well swum swan

Of all the felt I ever felt,

I never felt a piece of felt

That felt as fine as that felt felt

When first I felt that felt hat's felt!

Three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts

Now if each thief thought a thousand thoughts

How many thoughts did each thief think?

Christmas Jokes

Q. Why did Santa Claus get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve?

A. He left the sleigh in a 'snow parking' zone.

-Ciara Thornton

Q. What do you call Santa with no underwear?

A. Saint Knickerless

-Lauren Coburn

Q. What do elves learn in school?

A. The elfabet

-Jake Bourn & Bronwyn Gray

Q. What is the most dangerous weapon you can buy at Christmas?

A. Missil-toe

Q. What do you call a snowman and a vampire?

A. Frostbite

Q. Why did Santa put a clock on his sleigh?

A. To watch time fly

-Oisín Tighe

Q. What did Santa Claus do when he went speed dating?

A. He pulled a cracker

-Aaron Carey

Q. What's furry and minty?

A. A polar bear

-Joy Kingidila

Q. What's the best Christmas present?

A. A broken drum - you just can't beat it!

-Conor Doyle

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A. Ice Krispies

-Daisy Healy

Merry Christmas from

Mrs Shinnors' class - 5th class

Fairytales with a Twist: Little Bed Biding Hood!

Once a fun a time, Little Bed Biding Hood and her rom lived in a small house in the floods. One day, rom told Little Bed Biding Hood to go and give grandma some baked Fred (nobody ever saw Fred, of knew who he was!). So, Little Bed Biding Hood set off into the floods to give grandma some Fred.

She talked deeper into the floods, humming a tune as she took nibbles of Fred (nobody knows why she was eating Fred!). Then she came across a gulf. "Bear are you going, young mild?", asked the gulf. "Huh? Bear? What bear? Is there a bear here?", responded Little Bed Biding Hood. "Shut up! Anyway, where are you off to, young mild?", asked the gulf angrily. Little Bed Biding Hood took one last nibble of Fred (There's Fred again. Fred must be in pain, I mean, he is getting eaten!). "I'm off to grandma's house to give her Fred," (poor Fred) replied Little Bed Biding Hood. She then skipped off.

About a flour later, Little Bed Biding Hood was standing inside grandma's cottage. She skipped upstairs and ran to grandma. But, there was something strange going on.

"G-Grandma, what big eyes you have!"

"All the better for mucking at you!"

"G-Grandma, what big teeth you have!"

"All the better for feeting you with!" Gulf then jumped up and tried to feet Little Bed Biding Hood. Suddenly, a floodnutter came in and fit gulf with a tax!

Later that day, grandma and Little Bed Biding Hood sat beside the liar. The flames warmed them up. Together, they finished the Fred (poor Fred). The gulf was dead.

To this day, no one knows who or what Fred really was. The End!

Hailey Dunne

Fairytales with a Twist: The Unsuccess and the Wee!

Once upon a time, there was an Unsuccess and a Since. The Unsuccess wanted to Larry the Since. But, the Since would only Larry her if she could peel the fresh puddle of wee wee at the bottom of 12 cattresses. He knew this was impossible. "Ha!" the Since said, "She will never peel the wee wee!".

Then, that sight, the Unsuccess went to head on the 12 cattresses. But, when she got on top, she pelt a cold, watery peeling on her back. She sat up and celt the cattress, but hair was no water on the head. She lay back town. The Unsuccess had a very uncomfortable sight.

When snorning came, the Unsuccess climbed town the bladder and went to get stenchfast. The Since asked, "How did you leap?". She answered, "I felt like there was a puddle of water in my head." The Since was curious! You see, the Since had actually told a sigh. He wasn't going to Larry her! If she did peel the fresh and practically perfect wee wee under the cattress (which she did), this was proof that she was an itch! Then, she Since swiftly ordered (...also, the word order made him want to order McDonalds after this order) that the Unsuccess be executed! And the Since lived snappily ever faster! The End.

Ryne Whelan



Noelle the Christmas Elf



Noelle was an elf with an exciting job.

She sang jolly carols all day, with her elf friend Bob.

Her job was to make toys, for little girls and boys.

She wore bells on her boots, and a shiny little suit.

She tiptoed behind the giant Christmas tree,

Hoping that no one would see,

Then she filled the stockings with all types of presents,

She looked out the window, and the moon was a glittering crescent.

She saw a bright dot and heard a jingly tune,

Then a huge sleigh and reindeer were blocking the moon!

Santa was coming to make kids' dreams come true,
Delivering their dream gifts, then back off he flew!

By Lucy O'Connor, 4th class

Room 5b class window decorated



Ms Healy's class

Junior Infants have learned lots of lovely poems and songs this year! We have sung 'Óíche Nollag', 'Calóga Sneachta' and 'Tá Daidí na Nollag ag teacht'.

We have learned all about Christmas during, Aistear time too. We have made Santa's workshop, snow factories and elves houses. We even dressed up as Santa and his elves delivering the presents!

We would like to share a poem that we have learned this term.

I'm a little reindeer,

Ready to fly.

I'll pull Santa's sleigh

Up in the sky!

Christmas is here,

We can't be late.

All of the children cannot wait!



Merry Christmas from Mrs
Shinnors' class - 5th class

D'eitil Billy!

Lá amháin, dhúisigh mé ar maidin. Bhí mé i mo leaba. Bhí sé an compordach. D'éirigh mé agus chuaigh mé síos an staighre.

D'fhéach mé timpeall do mo mhadra, Billy. Bhí sé imithe! Go tobann, chuala mé Billy ag tafann. D'fhéach mé suas agus...chonaic mé Billy san aer! Dúirt Billy, "Léim orm." Shuigh mé ar dhroim Billy agus d'eitlíomar go dtí an pháirc. Chuaigh Billy síos go dtí an talamh. Chaitheamar an lá ag súgradh sa pháirc. Tar éis tamaill, bhí ocras an domhain ar Billy, mar sin chuamar go dtí an bialann. Fuair mé spaghetti agus cáis. Fuair Billy sicín, úlla, ispíni, sceallóga, feoil, agus leitís. Is aoibheann le Billy a dhinnéar! Chríochnaíomar ár ndinnéar agus d'eitlíomar abhaile.

Bhí an tuirseach orainn, mar sin chuamar go dtí an leaba. Chodail mé go sámh an óiche sin. Ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar an lá sin go deo!

Aidan Boland

An Aisling

D'éirigh mé ar maidin agus is chuiimhín liom mo laethanta saoire agus bhí mé sásta. Rith mé síos an staighre. D'ith mé mo bhrífeasta.

Tar éis tamaill, d'ullmhaignéigh mé mo mhála agus ghlaogh mé ar an tacsaí. Chuir mé mo mhála sa charr. Thiomáin sé go dtí an t-aerfort i mBaile Átha Cliath. D'íoc mé é agus shiúil mé isteach. Thaispeáin mé mo phas dóibh. Shiúil mé go dtí McDonalds san aerfort. D'ith mé borgaire agus d'ól mé uisce. Ansin, bhí mé déanach! Rith mé go dtí an geata. Shiúil mé isteach san eitleán. Shuigh mé síos. Bhí mé ag taistéal go Mheiriceá.

Nuair a tháinig mé amach as an eitleán, chuaigh mé chun mo mhála a fháil. Ansin ghlaogh mé tacsaí agus chuaigh mé go dtí mórstán. Nuair a shroich mé mo sheomra bhí sé a hocht a chlog. Ansin chuaigh mé ina lú. Tar éis tamaill dhúisigh mé suas, ach...bhí mé i mo leaba sa bhaile! Aisling a bhí ann! Chuir sé iontas orm gur aisling a bhí ann!

James Oluwadiya

Laethanta Saoire

Dhúisigh mé ar a hocht a chlog. Shiúil mé síos an staighre. Rinne mé pancóga. Bhí siad go hálainn! Ansin, thosaigh mé ag smaoineamh faoi laethanta saoire.

Rith mé suas an staighre agus chuir mé m'eadái, airgead, scuab, fiacla, taos fiacla agus culaithe snámha sa mhála taistéal. Chuir mé mo t-léine, bríste, stocáil agus bróga reatha orm. Léim mé isteach sacharr agus thiomáin mé go dtí an óstán. Is breá liom an óstán. Chuaigh mé go dtí mo sheomra. Bhí an seomra sin go hálainn. Shuigh mé síos ar an leaba. Bhí an leaba compórdach. Chonaic mé línn snámha ar an mbealach go dtí mo sheomra. Is breá liom ag snámh. Chuir mé m'eadái snámha or magus chuaigh mé go stí an línn snámha. Ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh mé go dtí an t-oillmhargadh. Tar éis tamaill, d'ith mé mo dhinnéar sa bhialann. D'ith mé piota agus sceallóga. D'ól mé uisce. Ansin, chuaigh mé ar ais go dtí mo seomra agus chodail mé go sámh.

Ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar an lá sin go deo!
Chloe McLaughlin

Fairytales with a Twist: The Unsuccess and the Wee!

Once upon a time, there was an Unsuccess and a Since. The Unsuccess wanted to Larry the Since. But, the Since would only Larry her if she could peel the fresh puddle of wee wee at the bottom of 12 cattresses. He knew this was impossible. "Ha!" the Since said, "She will never peel the wee wee!". Then, that sight, the Unsuccess went to head on the 12 cattresses. But, when she got on top, she pelt a cold, watery peeling on her back. She sat up and celt the cattress, but hair was no water on the head. She lay back down. The Unsuccess had a very uncomfortable sight.

When snorning came, the Unsuccess climbed down the bladder and went to get stenchfast. The Since asked, "How did you leap?". She answered, "I felt like there was a puddle of water in my head." The Since was curious! You see, the Since had actually told a sigh. He wasn't going to Larry her! If she did peel the fresh and practically perfect wee wee under the cattress (which she did), this was proof that she was an itch! Then, she Since swiftly ordered (...also, the word order made him want to order McDonalds after this order) that the Unsuccess be executed!

And the Since lived snappily ever faster! The End.

Ryne Whelan

Fairytales with a Twist: The Tree Little Figs!

Once a mum a time, there was a family of 4 little figs. The figs names were: Fig 1-Finegas, Fig 2-Ferguson and Fig 3-Bob. And of course, mummy fig. The figs lived in a stack of may. One sight, mummy fig said that they should move sprout, and so they did. Finegas paid a visit to the local farmer and bought some straw. Ferguson bought a file of mix. Bob bought a bun of bricks. And then they began to build.

Finegas finished his mouse of straw first. He heard butsteps approaching. He turned and saw a dig dab wolf. Finegas screamed! The dig dab wolf roared, "I'm going to huff and stuff and glow this mouse down!" And within seconds, he did. Finegas ran as fast as he could to his brother Ferguson's mouse which was made of mix. He bolted inside! The two figs heard butsteps approaching in the distance. It was the dig dab wolf. All of a sudden, the mouse was blown down! They ran as fast as they could to Bob's brick mouse. They knocked and they knocked, but there was no answer. They banged on the windows and finally Bob answered. He set them in and gave them a warm tup of cea. The two figs explained everything about the dig dab wolf. The tree figs came up with a can! Soon the dig dab wolf came roaring, "I'm going to huff and stuff and glow this mouse down!". He then glue and glue...but nothing happened! The dig dab wolf decided to jump up to the chimney and peak into the house. Remember when I said the tree figs came up with a can, well it's coming into action soon!

(SPOILERS!!) Then, the dig dab wolf climbed down the chimney and fell down into the mouse. Little did he know that the tree little figs set a fire at the bottom of the chimney! RIP Mr dig dab wolf.

It wasn't all that sad...the tree little figs had a tasty wolf pie for their dinner that sight!

The Bend! Rachel O'Sullivan

Mrs.Malin's 3rd class



What does Santa use to measure?

Santa metres!!

What do you call a Santa that doesn't move?

Santa Pause!!

By Aadi

I would like to tell you about a book called 'The Animal Encyclopedia'. It is fun to learn about the Brazilian huntsman spider and the blue whale. I love this book because I love learning about animals. My family call me 'The Junior Zoologist'!

By Lukas

On the 8th December, we walked into our class to a big surprise! A new student! His name is Christopher and he is from India.

We made him feel very welcome.

By Jasmina

The teacher asked 'why are you late?'

I replied 'I was on my way and saw a sign that read 'Go Slowly!!'

What do you call tea spilled on a chair?

A teachair!!

By Larien

What am I excited about for Christmas?

I am excited about time with my family, the birth of Jesus, giving and receiving.

Christmas is the best time of the year! People are so jolly. I love the music and the lights on the trees.

What do you love about Christmas?

By Eve

Candy cane, candy cane, going down the lane.

I'm in great pain, help me get rid of this stain!

I also need help from Jane, please I'm not vain.

I could try make a candy cane, but I'll get eaten by a Great Dane!

He's not very sane, more like insane!

By Malinsa

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By Malinsa

Christmas is the best, the best for you, the best for me, the best for everyone you can see.

You laugh and love around the tree, it's about friends and family!

By Ella Riordan



Merry Christmas everyone!



John Fitzgerald Kennedy

6th class - Mr Mulcahy

JFK, short for John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was born in 1917. His ancestors were from County Wexford as his family emigrated because of the Great Famine. However, he grew up in Boston, Massachusetts in America where his father was mayor.. He was the second oldest of 10 children. John F Kennedy attended Harvard University where he studied English and History. Upon the beginning on World War 2, John Kennedy served in the navy and he received a medal of valour for saving many men from a bombing by a German bomber. After the end of the war, he married Jackie Kennedy. They had 3 children. He also entered politics. He made history by becoming president of the United States. He was the youngest person ever to become president and the first Catholic. During his term as president he worked with Martin Luther King to defeat racism, dealt with the Cuban Missile Crisis and visited Ireland in 1963. Five months later he would take a trip to Dallas, Texas. On the 22nd of November 1963, he was assassinated at Elm Street by Lee Harvey Oswald, who himself was assassinated by Jack Ruby. John F Kennedy is remembered today by an eternal flame that lights forever at his grave.

By Lucy Harrington,

The USA

USA is short for the United States of America. America is the third largest country in terms of population. It has a population of 328 million! The American flag is called the Star Spangled Banner. The 50 stars on the American flag represent the 50 states of America. The biggest state is Texas. It is 7 times the size of Ireland! The smallest is Rhodes Island on the east coast of America. Canada borders America to the North while Mexico borders America to the south. The two oceans that border America are the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean. The biggest city in America is New York City and its population is 19 million. The capital of America is Washington D.C. DC stands for District of Columbia. The first president was George Washington. A mountain range in America is the Rocky Mountains and a river in America is the Mississippi River. America's first black president was Barack Obama and America's first woman vice president will be Kamala Harris who, along with Joe Biden, will enter the Oval Office in the White House in January. Other famous landmarks in America include: Madison Square Garden, The Golden Gate Bridge, The Twin Towers memorial, Central Park and The Statue of Liberty.

By Anna Jobin, 6th class Mr Mulcahy

The Great Famine

In school we learned about The Famine in history. We learned that poor people in Ireland with little land were called cottiers. The disease that affected the potato was called blight. Blight is a fungus that rots the potato to its core. If a crop is planted in the same soil over and over again it results in the crop failing. People during the famine times knew that the potato had rotted by the look of it and how it smelt. Over half a million people were evicted from their land. Sir Robert Peel was the Prime Minister of Britain and tried to help out with the famine in Ireland by purchasing corn. The politicians in England showed little care or pity to the people of Ireland. They had a Laissez-Faire approach to the situation. This meant that they did not think they should do anything to help and instead felt that the Irish people should solve the problem themselves. Many of those evicted from their land entered workhouses. Conditions in the workhouse were horrendous. The rules were once you entered you couldn't leave. You were separated from your family and the reward for long days of work was small amounts of food. Some people emigrated on Coffin Ships. Many people emigrated to the UK, USA and Canada. Between 20 percent to 50 percent of people who got on these ships died. In Ireland over 2 million people died of starvation. The Quakers were one charity group who set up soup kitchens for the Irish and helped when many others did not. The worst year of famine was 1847 also known as "Black 47" because that is when the most people died from starvation. We enjoyed learning about the Famine and have just finished reading *Under the Hawthorn Tree* too!

By Dennis Gilligan

Charity at Christmas: The Simon Community Christmas Stars

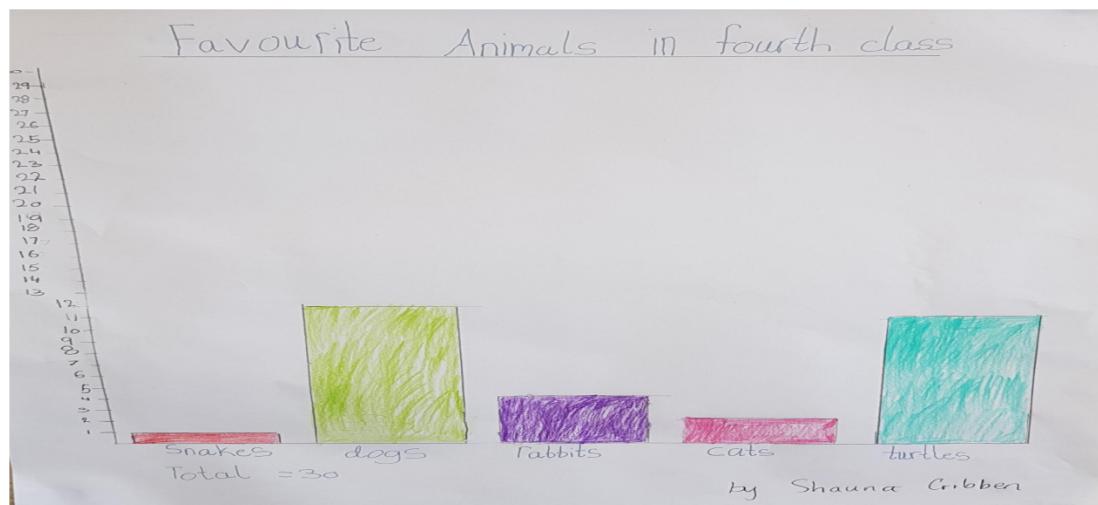
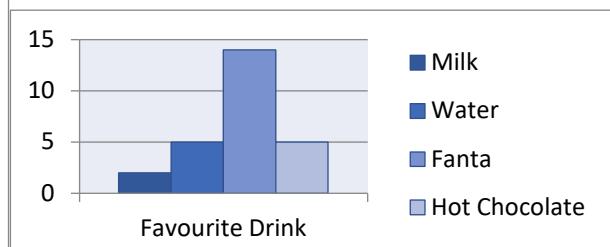
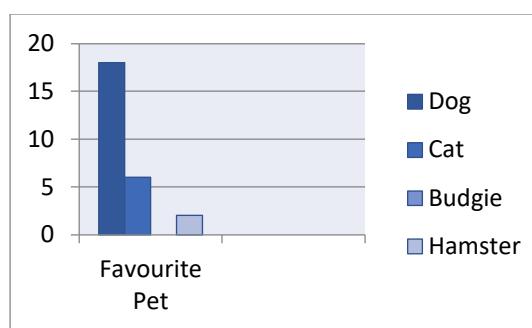
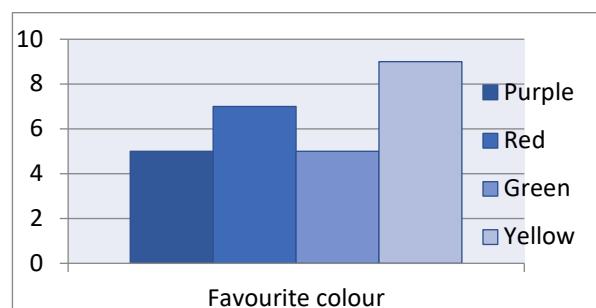
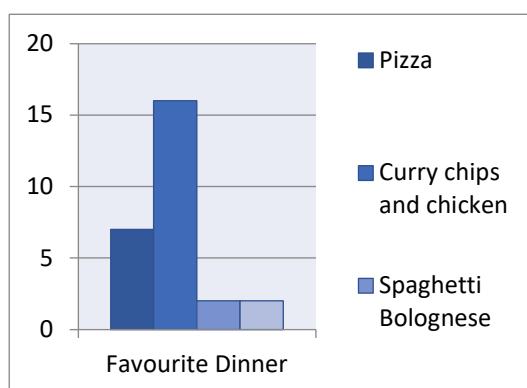
Dublin Simon Community works to prevent homelessness in Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow, Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan. They provide services at all stages of homelessness and help people to move to a place that they can call home. Also, for 365 days of the year they run soup kitchens in Dublin for people who are homeless and they have done so for more than 50 years!

As a class, each one of us was invited to make a small donation to Dublin Simon Community. In total we raised €105. The class then had to debate and decide what we could buy with this money. We decided to pay for a bed, dinner and a Christmas gift for 1 homeless person this year which cost 80 euro. We purchased a "Winter Warmer" gift which for 10 euro gives 1 homeless person a hat, scarf and gloves. Finally, we purchased a "Personal Care" gift which, for 15 euro, gives 1 homeless person shampoo, soap, hand and shower gel. By doing this, it helped us to remember those who are far less fortunate than us at Christmas. We hope our donation brings a little bit of happiness and above all hope to someone this Christmas.

6th class Mr Mulcahy

My Survey by Leah, room 5b

We were doing Data in Maths so I decided I would like to do my own survey. First, I came up with questions to ask my class. So I chose to find out their favourite dinner, favourite colour, favourite pet and favourite drink. I picked four options for each question. I typed up the survey and then back in my class, I stood up and took the survey. I recorded the answers on my clipboard and then in my Maths group, we took a look at the information and then represented it on bar charts. So you can see clearly the most popular options from 5th Class! I really enjoyed doing the survey and using the laptop to show the data on a bar chart. Happy Christmas! Bye!

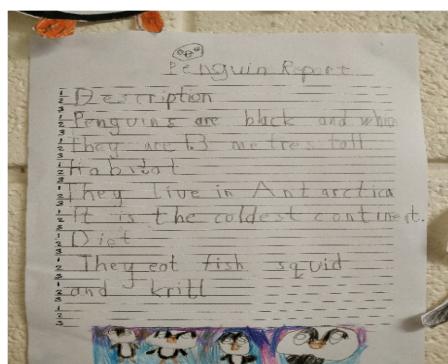


First Class - Ms Downey

In First Class, we have been learning all about winter and Christmas. In November, we learned about the Polar Regions. We learned about the adventures of Tom Crean. In Art, we painted pictures of icebergs. These were inspired by the work of John Kelly who painted many photos of Antarctic scenes.



While learning about Antarctica, we also learnt about the animals that live there. We learnt a lot about penguins and wrote a penguin report.



As a class we read the book Poles Apart. This story was about a family of penguins who became friends with a polar bear even though they live in different poles. This was a funny book and we all really enjoyed it.

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about toys of the past. We each wrote about our favourite toy and turned our writing into a class book.



While learning about toys, we also looked at the types of materials that are used to make toys and we discussed the suitability of the different materials. We also went on a materials' treasure hunt around the school and we had a lot of fun finding the different materials.



BABY DRAGON IN MY GARDEN

Once upon a time it was a very windy day. There was a baby Dragon. The tree was very wild. The leaves were very shaky and the Dragon was scared. Then he fell out of the tree. Then he cracked out of the egg and he bumped his head. He saw Daddy Dragon. He was so happy because he was safe.

By Ana Kneay



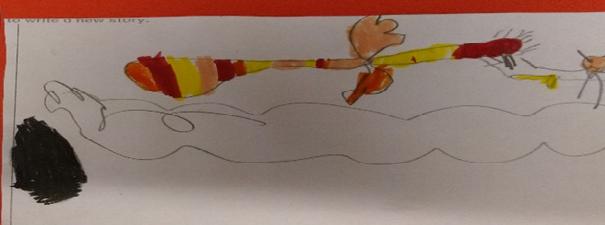
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Once upon a time there was a baby Dragon and a mommy went out to find some food suddenly the mommy Dragon bashed into a tree. Then The egg fell. The baby Dragon hatched in someone's garden. The dad came out and said, "ahuhah, what is a baby Dragon doing in my garden?" He brought him inside. He checked if he was OK. He said, "oh no you are hurt but you will be OK."



BABY DRAGON IN MY GARDEN

Once upon a time there was a Mommy Dragon. She had three eggs. When the Mommy Dragon was asleep she moved her tail and hit one of the eggs and it fell. The Mommy Dragon was sad. Suddenly a hunter was climbing the clouds. The hunter tazed the Mommy Dragons and shot the Mommy Dragon. When the egg landed on the ground it hatched. He was surprised. A boy came to the baby Dragon. My name is Liam. I will take good care of you. By Liam Dotti



BABY DRAGON IN MY GARDEN

Once upon a time there was a daddy dragon. He was waiting in his house for mommy dragon to come back from getting food for the dinner. But in the daddy dragon house, he accidentally打破 the egg on the window sill. It fell out of the window. It rolled down the hill and cracked open. When mommy dragon came back, she was surprised. Where is Baby Dragon? "Oh no! oh no! It's all your fault Daddy," said mommy. Now go and look for him. I will come. They looked everywhere except for one place down the hill. So they went down the hill. When they went down, they saw a red dragon but they didn't know if it was theirs. So they looked at the egg. "Oh," says, "Mummy/Daddy Dragon, it's ours!" Daddy Dragon, "I'm sorry for blaming you. It's ok." By Angel Fatso





Our annual Christmas raffle went online this year. It was extremely successful with ticket sales in excess of €5,600. The draw took place on 15th December live on Facebook.

To see who won the following prizes, please visit our Facebook page.

Leixlip National School PTA

1st Prize: €500 Cash



2nd Prize: 250 Cash

3rd Prize: €100 One4All Voucher

4th Prize: Luxury Christmas Hamper

5th Prize: 50 One4All Voucher

Plus many more....

Thank you for your wonderful support of the raffle.

