



Parent Association Newsletter



Christmas 2020



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A Letter From The Chairperson

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Well what a year this has been! Certainly one we will never forget. 2020, the year we learned to live with COVID-19, will go down in the history books as the year of “social distancing,” “restricted movements” and who could forget “home-schooling” and “distance learning?!” When schools closed on 12 March no one knew that the doors would close for the remainder of the 2019/2020 academic year. During the surreal weeks of lockdown the “school run” was something many of us came to miss. There was relief, excitement and some nervousness too when school reopened in late August. Overall, there was a feeling of celebration as the bubbles blew in the air when we finally stepped through the gate! A big thank you to Mr. O’Doherty, Mrs Flanagan and everyone involved in undertaking the mammoth task of making the school safe for our children.

This is our first newsletter of the 2020/2021 school year. It includes a message from Mr. O’Doherty and is a general medley of school activity and news. Many thanks to Darren Walsh who puts everything together. Darren has been our “newsletter man” for many years!

A very warm welcome to our Junior Infant families and to all new families to the school and “welcome back” to our regular readers! In pre-Covid times we would have welcomed the Junior Infant families in person with a tea or coffee in the PE hall on the morning your child started school. There you could have also met other families in your child’s class. Hopefully, as restrictions ease and the vaccine programme is rolled out we can arrange something in 2021. If you are on Facebook, and aren’t already a member, we invite you to join our page St Patrick’s Bray Parent Association. This will keep you up to date with what is happening in the school throughout the year. In the new year we will invite you, and all parents in the school, to join the Parents Association (PA) as we plan to resume our monthly meetings via zoom. New faces and new ideas are always most welcome!

Despite the abrupt end to the last school year in March, we were fortunate to have organised some events before them. Luckily we had picked the last Friday in school, 6 March, as our cake sale day. A total of €3,015 was raised on that crazy, fun-filled day. On 19 February the third successive Dignity Packs production line took place on the school. Organised by the Student Council, which is composed of Mrs Flanagan, some teachers and two girls from each 4th – 6th class who are elected each year, over 250 packs were completed. Molly Comish, the founder of Dignity Packs, visited on the day. RTE coverage of the production line was included on their Twitter feed on 20 February and on the News 2day broadcast on RTE2 on 25 February.

Although the PA is not as visible as normal we are still here working away in the background, and I’m very happy to announce that our annual Christmas Colours Day will take place on Friday 18 December. We’ve had to tweak it to ensure it’s Covid-compliant so Santa won’t be visiting the classes this year. Instead he’s going to send in a video message. Teachers will distribute some treats from Santa and the Student Council will deliver popcorn for the children to enjoy while they watch a Christmas film. On that day the children are invited to wear their Christmas colours.

This year the Parents Association are sponsoring a Christmas Competition, a colouring competition for the Infant classes and a Christmas joke completion for 1st -6th class. The winner in each class will receive a festive chocolate treat. Every year we put together hampers to be raffled, one for each 1st -6th class and two for both the Junior Infant and Senior Infant classes given their numbers. The draw for the hampers takes place on Christmas Colours Day. We ask for a €2 donation per family or €1 per child donation on this day. Money collected will be donated to Dignity Packs.

The annual Teacher Appreciation morning will also take place on 18 December. The PA is very happy to provide some sweet treats for teachers and all the staff as a little way of saying thank you for all you do all year.

Finally, all that is left to do is to wish you all a happy Christmas on behalf of the PA. Hopefully in 2021 we can come together again and resume some small fun-filled fundraising activities in the school.

Best wishes,

Majell Ryan

Chairperson



CHRISTMAS JOKE COMPETITION.

1st Class

Who says oh,oh,oh.....?
Santa walking backwards.....!
Ruby Murphy (Mrs Cunnane/Mrs McCormack)

Why did the kid eat his homework?
Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!
Yashna Wang Shah (Ms Doran & Ms Travers)

What does a turkey eat for Christmas?
Nothing, because it's stuffed!
Greta Brosnan (Ms. Catterson)



2nd Class

'Will you remember me in one second?'
'Will you remember me in one minute?'
'Will you remember me in one day?'
'Will you remember me in one month?'
'Will you remember me in one year?'
'Knock, knock.'
'Who's there?'
'Do you not know who I am?'

'YES'
'YES'
'YES'
'YES'
'YES'

Chloe Ennis

Why is a snowman so cool?
Because he is snowfamous!
(Ms Nolan)

Isabel Meaney

What do you get if you cross a vampire and a snowman?
Frostbite
(Ms. Shannon)

Mischa Deithrick (Ms. Hawkin)

3rd Class

Who says 'oh, oh, oh'?
Santa walking backwards!
Holly Menzies (Ms Dunleavy)

What do you call a child that's afraid of Santa?
Claus-trophobic
Niamh Rogers Lynch (Ms. O'Malley)

What says oh oh oh?
Santa walking backwards!
Clodagh Murray (Ms Dagg)



CHRISTMAS JOKE COMPETITION.

4th Class

"Why did the child cry in McDonald's?
Because they got a sad meal".

Isabelle Redmond & Isabel Gaskin - (Ms. Lenehan)

What happened when Mrs. Lyons tied the classes' shoelaces together?
They went on a school trip!

Ella Breen

(Mrs. Lyons)

What did one elf say to the other elf when he was trying to blend in?
Be your elf!

Saoirse Mulhern

(Ms. de hÓra)



5th Class

Who is the elves favourite popstar?
Elvis Presley

Alyson Walsh

(Mrs. Dunne)

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
Frostbite

Hannah Small

(Ms. Shanley & Ms. Ryan)

What do you call a snowman's child?
Ice-ice Baby.

Lilia Cassoni

(Ms O'Carroll)

6th Class

What do you call Santa with no underwear?
Saint Knicker-less

Millie Paton Kumar & Alley O' Connor (Ms. Billington)

What does Miley Cyrus eat for Christmas dinner?
Twerkie.

Éabha Parker (Ms Condren)

How much does Santa's Sleigh cost?
It's free - it's on the house!

Rose Dodd Kehoe (Ms. Reddin)



A Letter From The Principal

Dear Parents,

And so we reach the end of a 1st term unlike any other I have experienced in my 33 years as a teacher and Principal. I'm ready, like most of you I'm sure, to bid a fond (perhaps not so fond!) farewell to 2020 and all that it brought but, before I do, I want to use this opportunity to pay tribute to all those who contributed to ensuring that we were able to keep the ship afloat, while also trying to provide some semblance of normality for the children in this strangest of years.

The teachers and SNA's have done an incredible job of maintaining a focus on all that's positive about the school reopening and being able to work face to face with the children on a daily basis. The emotional, social and educational benefits are undeniable but the capacity to find joy in the everyday and not so everyday activities is what has stood out for me. The children have responded magnificently and are a great credit to you all. As Ms. Condren's 6th Class told the school during the week – children are the unsung heroes of 2020.

I must also make special mention of Lorraine, our caretaker, and Mrs. Leahy, our school secretary, who quietly and unobtrusively have made sure that everything continues to run smoothly despite the enormous logistical and organisational challenges. We would be lost without them.

Thanks also to you, the parents, for your cooperation with our protocols & safety measures and for your good humour, courtesy and kind words. All are greatly appreciated. It would be impossible for us to sustain the safe and positive environment we are striving to create, without your support and generosity of spirit. We are truly all in this together.

While it is wonderful to witness the excitement and joy that the children experience in relation to all things Christmas, they are also learning about Advent and preparing in a different way for the celebration of Christmas. Essentially, the key message of Advent and Christmas is one of hope and, I think we can all agree, that is something worth nurturing in these challenging times.

With every good wish for a happy, healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Brian O'Doherty
(Principal)



Ms Dunleavy's 3rd Class
posting their Christmas
cards to nursing homes



Christmas Eve

It was Christmas eve, we get tucked up in our beds,
Until we heard something over our heads.
It sounded like it was coming from the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
We were excited and full of glee,
Because there were presents under our tree.
Our stockings were stuffed of teddys and sweets,
Our elf on the shelf left us some yummy treats.
We went to play outside,
Then it started to snow, what a great surprise!

By Hannah Barrie and Lauren Doyle
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

The Covid Christmas

Covid is here, no need for trouble,
All you have to do is stay in your bubble.
2020 is a different year,
Stay safe when covid is here
Wear a mask, or a visor,
Use soap, or sanitizer.
Covid spreading in every room,
Lockdown will be over soon.
Social distance while you Christmas shop,
Do this until the restrictions stop.
Zoom calls with lots of friends,
We will do this till covid ends.
Merry Christmas!

By Leonora, McKenna, Rachel, Niamh, Yi Na and Alex
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

An Nollag

An Nollag a bhí ann. Chuaigh mé go dtí an síopa agus cheannaigh mé bríosaí, bainne agus cairéid. Chuaigh mé abhaile. Bhí sneachta agus realtaí sa spéir. Go tobann, chonaic mé Daidí na Nollag.
D'íth Daidí na Nollag bríosaí agus d'ól sé bainne. Chuaigh Daidí na Nollag go dtí an tine. Chuir sé cána canaí sa stocaí. Chuir sé bronnánais faoin crann Nollag. Léim Daidí na Nollag isteach sa tinteán agus léim sé sa carr sleamhnáin. Dúirt Daidí na Nollag Nollag Shona do Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen agus Rudolph.

Le Nicole Concannon
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

My life in Quarantine

In quarantine the days got longer and fun things were shorter. I wished everyday that I would get to go back to school with my friends and to be honest its much more fun in school. Now that we are in school I feel much more happy with all my friends. 2020 is a bad year but lets look forward to the New Year. People were walking around with masks. I don't even know what my teachers face looks like. Its very unsettling but at least we have a vaccine, things may be getting better for next year. Lets give 2021 a chance for the better.

By Millie Rose Devlin
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

Covid Christmas

Covid Christmas is here,
Make sure not to fear.
St. Nicholas is getting near,
And everyone will cheer.
Don't get in trouble,
Just stay in your bubble.
Vaccine we will get soon,
And St. Nicholas will fly across the moon.
Hand sanitiser and masks is what we use,
Make sure to watch Santa on the news.
We're so happy to be back at school,
Covid doesn't rule, lockdown wasn't very cool.
Have fun on Christmas Colours Day,
Open your presents and shout hooray.
...and have a good Christmas!

By Zara, Jun Ning and Lexi
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class



The New Lift

Over the October midterm the lift was finished and we moved into our new classroom upstairs. We felt really grown up and excited because most of our class had never been in a classroom upstairs, and Lara had never been upstairs at all.

The lift is fancy and modern and Lara says that she feels like a celebrity using it. Only girls in Lara's pod are allowed to join her in the lift and all the other girls are dying to get a trip in the lift.

The lift stops at three floors. It starts at the PE hall and stops at the 6th class corridor and the 3rd class corridor. Our favourite things about our new classroom is that we get a good view of the junior infant yard and when we are going up and down the stairs we get to see nice posters. We also enjoy being in the main building because we get to see more people and we have more space.

We are really grateful for the lift and our whole class are really excited to get a chance to travel with Lara in the lift.

By Lara, Millie, Ella, Lea, Ashlynn and Jessica
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

Oíche Nollag

Oíche Nollag a bhí ann. Chuaigh na páistí a choladh. Ag a dó dhéag a chlog chuala na páistí clogíní. Rith na páistí isteach sa seomra suí. Chonaic na páistí Daidí na Nollag. Tar éis tamaill chuir Daidí na Nollag bronnánais faoin crann Nollag. Chonaic Daidí na Nollag na páistí. "Tá ocras orm", arsa Daidí na Nollag. "Rinneamar dearmad bríosaí agus bainne a chuir amach do Daidí na Nollag", arsa Ciara.

Rith na páistí isteach sa chistin agus fuair said bríosaí agus bainne do Daidí na Nollag. Rith said go dtí an seomra suí. Thug said na bríosaí agus bainne do Daidí na Nollag. D'íth Daidí na Nollag bríosaí agus d'ól sé bainne. Bhí Daidí na Nollag agus na páistí an sasta.

Le Daniela, Ruby, Lucy, Georgia agus Alliah
Ms. O'Malley 3rd Class

CLASS UPDATE

Our class have been busy since September. We began the term learning about Biodiversity. We looked at the school grounds and decided that we needed more food sources for insects. We got some native wildflower seed and we made seed bombs. It was great fun throwing them around the edges of the school grounds. Keep an eye out for more flowers in spring and summer.

Later in the term, we designed bubble wands using pipe cleaners. We took them out and tested them.

We have been learning about weather and how it affects our choices of clothing and activities. In maths we have begun to learn about multiplication and division. We are looking forward to a tables competition next week.

This week we got an opportunity to participate in a music workshop via Zoom with Sing space. It was very exciting and good fun.

In spite of Covid 19 protocols we have been able to do lots of things and have enjoyed a very busy first term. We would like to wish all the families in St. Patrick's a very happy Christmas.

Ms. Dagg's Third Class.

Science Week 2020

We had so much fun for Science Week. We did different science experiments and STEM activities every day.

Some of them were;

- Build your name in 3D, only one group managed to do it!!

- Skittles

- Volcano

- Build a boat that floats

- Mentos and coke.

My favourite was the Mentos experiment because I like explosions! It was a really fun week because we got to test out lots of different experiments.

By Greta Brosnan

Ms. Catterson's First Class



The Thriller Dance

In October of this year, the sixth class girls performed the annual Halloween 'thriller dance' on the Thursday before mid-term break.

We stood by the Covid 19 guidelines and performed the dance in our different classes maintaining a social distance from one another and from the audience. It was so exciting to be able to perform this dance as seeing it performed by previous sixth classes over the years made us so intrigued.

It was fun and exciting getting our face makeup and clothing on in order to make the performance even more believable!

We were rehearsing for over three weeks and always tried our hardest in the practice sessions!

We hope the future classes doing this dance will know how fun and exciting it is to perform this Thrilling dance.

Katie Rose O'Bric

Ms Reddin's 6th class

Wellbeing during this very hard year

This year was hard for us all, as a result we focusing a lot on wellbeing. Wellbeing is about feeling good in our minds and bodies; it involves minding our minds and bodies and trying to stay positive in a negative situation.

In Ms. Reddin's 6th class we believe that everyday might not be good but there is something good in everyday and there is hope for us all.

From our morning meditation to our 'Christmas gratitude tree', we have been trying very hard to keep our minds happy and healthy during this hard year.

Every Monday and Friday, in our wellbeing copies, we always write our 'rainbow moments', this may include things that we are looking forward to, something good that has happened or things that we are grateful for.

Every Wednesday a member of our class brings in a quote to share with the rest of the class. To us it is known as "Wise Words Wednesday". It is very exciting to see the meaning behind each wonderful quote we come across.

We have also been doing brain breaks in between Irish and English when our teacher reads us a meditation from the book 'Relax Kids'. We find it helpful as we feel it refreshes our brains to help us go forward in our day.

This year was hard for us all, but, beneath all the stress and anxiety, our wellbeing activities serve to highlight that there is always hope and light at the end of the tunnel !

-Joanna Jose

Ms. Reddin's 6th class



Each pod in our class wrote a verse in response to the poem, 'Truth', by Barrie Wade. We put them together to make a class poem.

Words Stay in Your Brain

Words have hurt me through my life,
they cut and stab just like a knife.
I wish these words would go away,
but they have proven that they're here to stay.

Cuts and bruises have disappeared,
but words are always with me.
The pain from scars now has gone,
but the pain from words will never leave me.

As I cry myself to sleep I think,
"Words are the worst type of pain".
When you are hurt it goes away,
But words stay in your brain.

Words have hurt me for enough,
Even though I've had enough, I try to be tough.
All the memories that they said,
really give me a feeling of dread.

The truth is harsh,
it can hurt our feelings.
Mean words mean a lot,
and take a long time to start healing.

They're hard to get out of your mind,
and unkindness should be frowned upon.
But good words you can still find,
deep inside your heart.

PE in 2020

This year PE was different because we could not go to the PE hall. The class was sad because we could not do gymnastics in the hall. Instead, we did PE outside. We played games like touch rugby, target and arch rounders. We always do a warm -up. Sometimes it's a bit cold but people like playing basketball and you can't play that game indoors. There is more space outside for games and there is lots of fresh air.

We are also participating in the 50k challenge. We run two laps of the field. Some people are on 5 and a half km some people are on just 5 km. Some people would like to do the running at the end of the day so you could change your socks when you get home. Running outdoors is better than indoors because you avoid a carpet burn and there is more space.

After Christmas we will be allowed into the PE hall, once every two weeks. It will be great to be inside for PE because we will not get our shoes wet in the field. However, we will still be going outside on the week we are not in the hall.

By Laila Byrne and Eabha Humphries, 3rd class.

Music on Zoom

On 7th December, our class went on a zoom meeting with Sing Ireland. We learned beats with Anne Marie Maguire. We were using pencils, fingernails, and hands to make the sounds. Anne Marie was playing the harp to help us and she was in her sitting room. She showed us hand movements for the notes.

Garry Mc Carthy showed us how to rap. His rap song was in English and it was about trees. We got up and danced to the beat. We also learned a song called 'Cad is ainm dom?'

We all had a lot of fun on the zoom call and we hope we can do it again sometime. There were classes from other schools on the zoom and another one with the same school name as ours. We all enjoyed the zoom call and it was interesting to learn new songs via zoom.

By Lilly Galligan and Lacée Smyth Martin, 3rd class.

Festive poems and pictures - 2nd Class

We have been very busy in Second Class writing some poems.
Hope you enjoy reading them!
Enjoy our festive pictures too!
Happy Christmas to you all!



Candles to light, purple, pink and white,
Holly is green with red berries,
Rudolph has a red nose,
Ice on the roof,
Stars are shining brightly,
Tinsel on the Christmas trees,
Merry Christmas everyone!
A star of Bethlehem,
Santa is coming!

By Chloe

Christmas cake,
Holly is green,
Rudolph has a red nose,
I love Christmas!
Santa is here.
Tinsel is up,
Merry Christmas everyone!
Advent Calendar is open,
Socks are full!

By Sofia

Crackers we pull together,
Happy Christmas,
Rudolph and Santa on a sleigh,
It's not about presents, it's about you
and me,
Sparkling lights on the Christmas tree,
Time for giving and forgetting,
Merry Christmas everyone!
Advent is here,
Santa is coming!

By Isabelle C



By Sophie D

 **Ho, Ho, Ho!**

Christmas crackers are fun!
Holly is red and green,
Robin is watching you!
Ice on the roof,
Santa is coming to town,
Tree is fun to decorate,
Mince pies are nice!
A star in Bethlehem,
Santa comes on Christmas eve!

By Emily

Christmas crackers go pop,
Holly is so very spikey,
Rudolph is on my roof,
Ice is on the floor,
Stars are shining in the sky,
The North Pole is where Santa lives,
Merry Christmas, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas,
Advent is here,
Santa's in the chimney!

By Jessica

Festive poems and pictures - 2nd Class



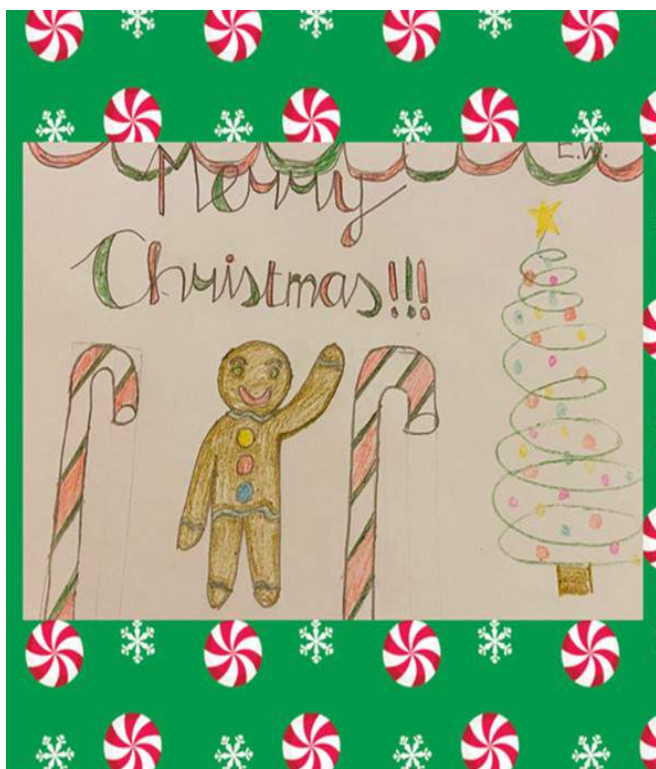
By Jessica

HAPPY



By Maya

CHRISTMAS



By Emily



By Caoilinn

Festive poems and pictures - 2nd Class



By Lillie-Kate




By Raghda



By Maria



By Alex



Christmas is here
Holly has berries
Rudolf is here with Santa
Ice is everywhere
Santa is coming
Tinsel is on the tree
Merry Christmas
Advent is here
Snowballs are cold

Eloise Barrett -

First Class - Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Cake on the table
Holly on the door
Ride the sleigh
Ice on the road
Snowman has a carrot nose
Tinsel on the tree
Merry Christmas
Advent calendar
Stack snow bricks

Isabella Doyle -

First Class - Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Candles are burning
Holly is up
Rudolph is about
Igloos are made
Stockings are full
Toys are here
Mary is with us
Advent calendars are open
Snow is here

Arianna McKeown -

First Class - Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane



Christmas crackers

Happy holidays

Robins on the trees

Icing on the cake

Snowflakes falling from the sky

Turkey is my favourite

Merry Christmas cookies

Advent calendars

Santa loves cookies

Sophie Greaney - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Cookies baking

Holly is hanging

Red robins

Icy roads

Santa's coming

Tinsel's long

Making cakes

Angels on trees

Sacks of toys

Aideen Demel - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Christmas At Home

I like to wake up early. I like to drink hot chocolate and go for a walk with my Mom. I like to play snowball fights. I like to eat ham, carrots and potatoes. We decorate the tree. We celebrate baby Jesus.

Ava Chan

First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane



Christmas At Home

I love opening presents early in the morning. I love eating cookies with my family. Christmas is like the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. I love giving and getting presents. It is so much fun.

Hazel Ndlovu - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Christmas At Home

I love Christmas and I love opening presents. I love spending time with my family. We decorate our tree. I love snow and my Elf on the Shelf. Mum makes tea and toast and we open our presents. Then we play with our toys.

Isabel Connor - First Class – Mrs McCormack/ Mrs Cunnane

Christmas At Home

I love spending time with my family. I wake up early. I eat turkey. I like opening the presents. I go to my Aunties house. My favourite thing is spending time with my family because its special to me.

Hollie Harvey-Tresson - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Wet windy weather

Icy roads

No leaves

Trees are bare

Everything is cold

Robins are in the garden.

Poppy Way -

First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Woolly clothes you have to wear

Icy roads are there

Naked trees

Tracks of animals

Evergreen trees

Rain is coming

Ally Kane - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Wind is cold

Ice on the roads

Naked trees

Trees are bare

Everything is dark

Rain is everywhere

Eabha Murray

First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Weather is cold

Icy roads

Naked trees

Tracks of animals

Evergreen trees

Run to the fire

Casey Lyons -

First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Winter is cold

Ice on the window

No leaves on trees

Twigs fall from trees

Every day is cold

Rain falls all the time

Carla McEneaney Sutton - First Class – Mrs McCormack/Mrs Cunnane

Junior and Senior Infant Christmas Art Competition Winners



By Chloe Chen



By Darcy ross

Junior and Senior Infant Christmas Art Competition Winners



By Adelina Gutu



By Robyn Doyle



By Amra Islamovich

Junior and Senior Infant Christmas Art Competition Winners



By Emma Collins



By Evelyn Cung

Junior and Senior Infant Christmas Art Competition Winners

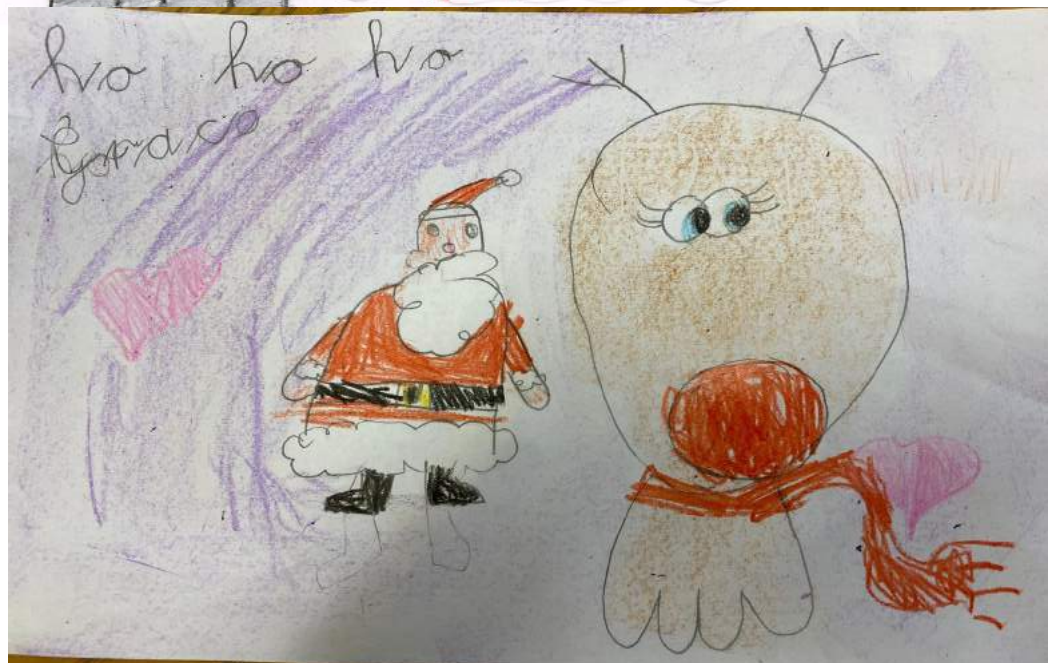


By Lara Lima
Harrington



By Millie Vance

By Grace Molloy



Junior and Senior Infant Christmas Art Competition Winners



By Miłosz Przyszlakowski



By Sadhbh Young

4th Class Student Council Election

All of us in 4th class learned about elections and how they work.

The teacher took down the names of the pupils running for student council and they got nomination forms.

Nomination forms are sheets that you need to write your name on, your class and your teacher's name as well.

You can get two people to nominate you and they need to write their name on your sheet.

You bring the nomination form home and get permission from your parents or guardian to run for student council.

Everyone was told to write a speech and to have it in by Monday.

On Monday everyone rehearsed their speeches in front of their classes.

On Thursday we performed our speeches for the last time.

This was our final chance to convince our classmates to vote for us.

Friday morning, we went to the P.E hall to vote. Amanda and Isobelle were the clerks. You needed to tell Amanda your name and you got your stamped voting sheet from Isobelle.

You had to X the name of the person you wanted to vote for. If you ticked the name, your vote would be counted as a spoiled vote.

The next Monday the new student council members were announced by Mr. O' Doherty and Ms. Flanagan. Catie Grassetti's name was announced and Zara Zhang's name came shortly after.

We felt so honoured going up to receive our badges. We promise to try to be the best student council members possible.

Written and edited by
Zara Zhang and Catie Grassetti

RTE THE LATE LATE SHOW

Niamh Smith from Ms. De hOra's 4th class was very lucky to perform in the Late Late Toy Show. She was also selected to sing in Irish Women in Harmony's new Christmas Single, Together at Christmas. The song was recorded to raise funds for Childline and donations can be made at

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/3QECyayBP9pdcuayfzj22zo6H2?u=www.ispcc.ie%2Fharmony>.

Ella Fitzgerald from Ms Doran and Ms Travers first class was also selected to appear on the Late Late Toy Show.

Well done to you both.



6th Class Christmas Stories

6th Class have become creative authors this term. Each child has been assigned a partner from 1st class for whom they are writing individual Christmas stories. The girls from 6th interviewed their assigned 1st class pupil outdoors, in a socially distant setting, about their likes, dislikes and interests. As a result, the girls have created individual Christmas narratives where their 1st class child is the main character of the book.

The 6th class girls have taken on the roles of researcher, author, editor, illustrator, critic and publisher. JK Rowling has nothing on these girls!



Christmas Colours Day

is our annual fundraiser where we all dress up in festive Christmas colours. On Friday 18th December everyone can wear a Christmas outfit or jumper and bring in a donation of 1 Euro per child or 2 Euro per family for a local charity. It is nice to see people out of their uniforms. We all love getting dressed up! We are collecting the money this year for dignity packs for the homeless as they are not as fortunate as us. This Christmas we are all more grateful for what we have. Family and friends are especially important this year as we have not seen them as much as we would've liked. It will be a different Christmas but we are all just as excited. We can't wait to kick off the celebrations wearing our Christmas colours to school on Friday!

By Emma Brady and Layla Williams, Student Council Members

Christmas cards for people who need a bit of cheering up this year!

This December the 6th class girls have been busy making Christmas Cards for the recipients of Bray meals on wheels.

Each 6th class made fifty fantastic cards. Each one made with care, creativity and effort. It was a very kind gesture to produce these beautiful cards.

Every card has a nice message in it, as well as a little bit about the author. Some people decided to write a meaningful quote in the card. One example of was "Not every day may be good, but there is something good in every day."

The cards were decorated with lots of different stationery like decorated paper, little diamonds, markers and colouring pencils. Then every card was put into an envelope with 'Christmas Wishes' written on it and decorated beautifully. They all turned out to be priceless because every individual card was made from the heart.

We hope these people will enjoy and appreciate the Christmas cards and that the cards will bring them forward in their day no matter how tough it is!!!!

-By Ciara and Emily Staunton ~ Ms. Reddin's Sixth Class

Science Link with Trinity College Dublin

On Wednesday 25th November we had a Zoom call with T.C.D. We got to draw how Covid-19 spreads from person to person and we also got to draw Covid-19 in more detail with its two shells. The outer shell has spikes to protect it and the inner shell protects the D.N.A. inside it. It will try to get in your body and make copies of itself. Sometimes you will notice that something is wrong with you and then your body will start to fight.

The girls from T.C.D. showed us an experiment to explain how soap kills Covid-19. We each got a plastic cup with water and sugar. We mixed it for two minutes and by then the sugar had dissolved, just like the outer shell of Covid-19 dissolves when soap gets on it!

So keep washing your hands and STAY SAFE!!

[Leah Ennis; Serena Shortt; Tara O'Toole. 4th Class]

Art

In Art we always do something fun like sketching, painting, using chalk, pastels or printing. We made our own Mr. Men and little Miss characters. We were all very creative.

We made cute, scary and silly monsters out of clay. Every single monster had different personalities and was very unique in its own way. We were not allowed to break our clay into pieces.

We did pictures with a screaming person. They are a little bit scary because of the screaming person.

We drew a picture of a half drawn picture. The teacher gave us each three different pencils to draw with. It was all black and we had to draw all the details in the picture. A lot of us drew really good ones. They are hung up in the corridor outside.

[Sophie Chen; Aoibh Kennedy; Anna Chen; Amanda Wei; Shauna Lyons 4th Class]

Bulb Planting

In November our class did bulb planting. Everybody got their daffodil bulbs and we sketched our big and small bulbs. We wrote about all the little details that we saw on our bulbs in our Science copies. Pod by pod everybody got a chance to go outside with Ms. Lyons and plant their bulbs. We put both bulbs in our pot. Then we got two more bulbs and brought them home. We planted one upside down and the other normal way up. We also put two bulbs in the cupboard, one watered and one not.

[Keeley Perry Breen; Zara Zhang; Lisa Wang; Mia Byrne 4th Class]

Organisation of School due to Covid

When we came back to school from home, it felt really strange because we got put into pods. We have to do most things in pods. Due to Covid there has been a lot of restrictions. We sometimes have to be distanced away from each other, except when we are in the yard playing. Our yards are separated so we would not mix.

We will probably miss the school trips and the bake sale but that's o.k. because we are all trying to get rid of Covid and we're all in this together. 4th Class has been pretty different than any other year so far. It has been a lot harder than any other year but it has been like that for everyone in the school and the world.

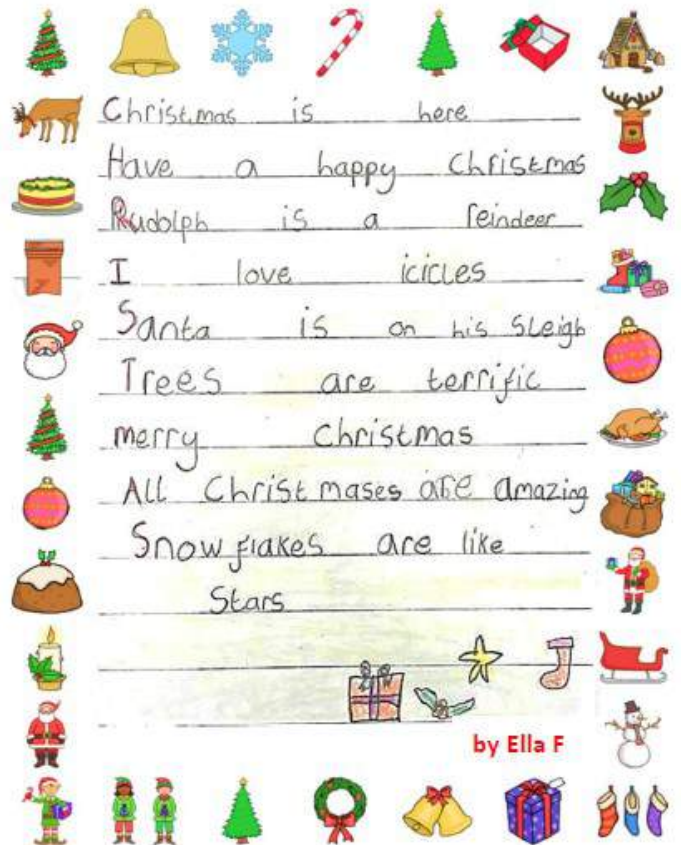
[Rachel Murphy; Laura Colleran; Millie Curley. 4th Class]

Christmas Acrostic Poems
Ms Doran & Ms Travers' 1st Class




Children sing carols
Have a Happy Christmas
Reindeer get ready
I love Christmas
Santa is fat
Too terrific to imagine
Miracles happen
A good friend gives presents
So much fun

by Mia H



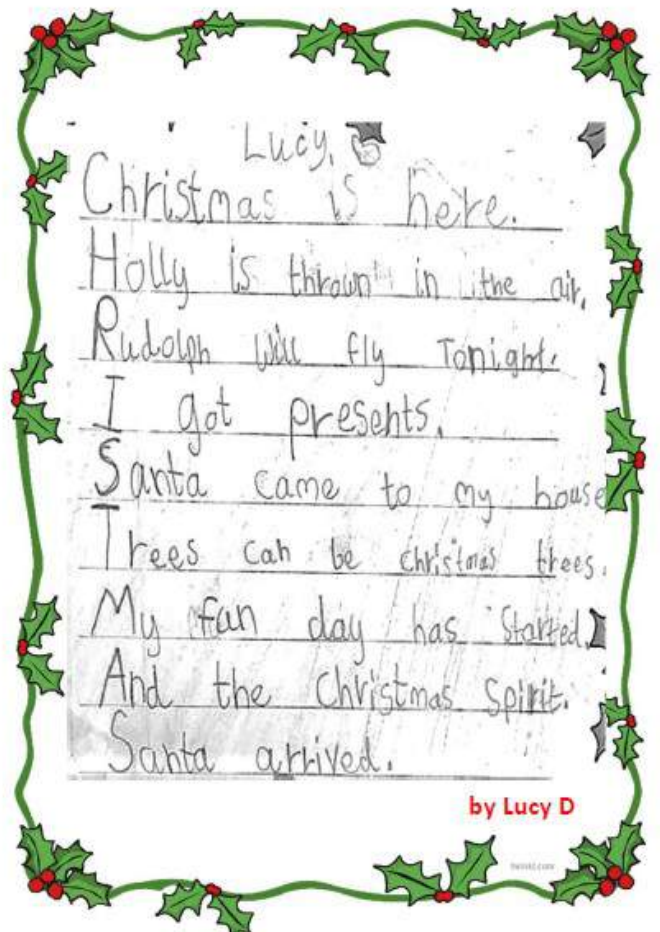
Christmas is here
Have a happy Christmas
Rudolph is a reindeer
I love icicles
Santa is on his sleigh
Trees are terrific
merry Christmas
All Christmases are amazing
Snowflakes are like
Stars

by Ella F



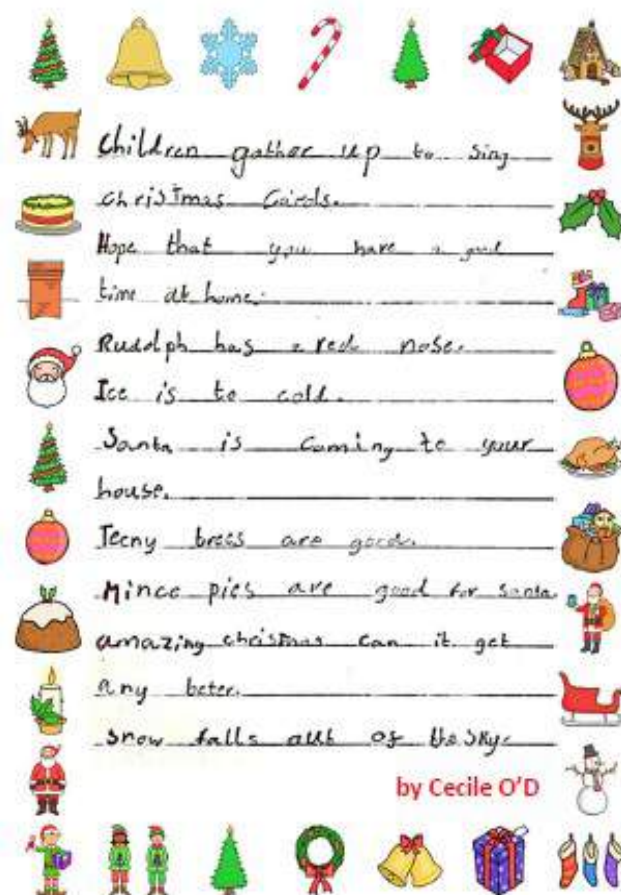
C Children sing carols at Christmas
h Hope you have a great holiday
r Reindeers are getting ready for Christmas
i I love ice-skating
s Santa is putting toys in his sleigh
t Trees are terrific at Christmas
M Miracles are amazing
A Acts are amazing
s Snow is made out of ice

by Mia B



Lucy
Christmas is here.
Holly is thrown in the air,
Rudolph will fly tonight
I got presents
Santa came to my house
Trees can be Christmas trees
My fun day has started
And the Christmas spirit
Santa arrived.

by Lucy D



I am by Isabella Mulligan

I am an animal loving tomboy.
I wonder what my life will be like.
I hear my mom shouting at me.
I see stuff.
I want to be a cat.
I am an animal loving tomboy.

I pretend I am listening.
I feel annoyed in school.
I touch my cat's fur.
I worry I will have no friends.
I cry about nothing.
I am an animal loving tomboy.

I understand nothing about my life.
I say nothing.
I dream about being an animal.
I try to ignore people.
I hope I get better at things.
I am an animal loving tomboy.

I am by Lilah Gunning

I am a tomboy who loves horse riding.
I wonder why I like horse riding.
I hear my mom singing.
I see books.
I want a puppy.
I am a tomboy who loves horse riding.

I pretend to like maths.
I feel nervous in school.
I touch my cat gently.
I worry my dogs will get hurt.
I cry when my dogs go missing.
I am a tomboy who loves horse riding.

I understand people talking.
I say go away to my brothers.
I dream I am a boy.
I try to do my best.
I hope I stay with my friends next year.
I am a tomboy who loves horse riding.

I am by Lucy Grant

I am a dramatic Irish dancer.
I wonder why I forget one of my dances.
I hear music for the dance I forget.
I see people dancing the dance I forget.
I want to remember my dance and dance it in the rain.
I am a dramatic Irish dancer.

I pretend to be a pro at Irish dancing.
I feel tired about forgetting my dance.
I touch my dancing shoes.
I worry about not remembering that dance.
I cry if I remember the dance and win it.
I am a dramatic Irish dancer.

I understand my Irish dancing teachers.
I say I will remember my dance.
I dream I will be a world champion.
I try to remember my dance.
I hope I will be a famous Irish dancer.
I am a dramatic Irish dancer.



Monasteries

With Ms. Ryan our class learned about Monasteries and where to find them. We went on a virtual school trip on the computer to Glendalough. One day she brought in some supplies and the entire class worked together and made a monastery using cardboard, paint and a lot of masking tape. It was very fun and we learned a lot.

[Niamh Davies; Lily Leonard; Olivia Barrett. 4th Class]

Halloween Day

Halloween Day was on the 23rd October. We dressed up in our Halloween costumes and did a Fashion Show. We also had a Halloween Poetry competition which Anu won! 6th Class did the Zombie Dance to "Thriller". They put on face paint. The funniest thing was when some music was played on the intercom and everyone got up and did the spooky, scary Skeleton Dance.

[Anu Demel; Isobelle Gillen; Jessica Byrne. 4th Class]

Fundraiser

My friends and I did a fundraiser and we raised €95 by selling bracelets. Since the cake sale and other fundraisers weren't on we thought it would be nice to help out a little bit. At the start we were making bracelets (plaited string) for friends and family and then we started to sell them to our class for €1. On the first day we got €2. On the second day we had €8 and on the third day we had €26. It kept going up! We really needed the money to fix the leak in the roof on the 4th Class corridor. Our teacher and Mr. O'Doherty were very proud of us. It felt good helping out.

[Daisy Anglin; Catie Grassetti; Doireann Doyle. 4th Class]

Jersey Day

Jersey Day was on the 9th October and we raised €1,108.00 for Goal. Goal is a charity which helps people with less money, food, water and clothes. I love this day because you get to wear your favourite jersey but you're also raising money for a charity. My whole class got into partners and went to all the classes in the school collecting the money. Everybody in the school wore a jersey from Junior Infants to 6th class and even the teachers. Ms. Lyons wore a jersey for Sligo.

[Alice Gibson; Ella Breen; Ciara Duffy. 4th Class]

Student Council Election

Student Council is a very important subject because without it we wouldn't have amazing people to gather amazing ideas from themselves and others. However you can't just randomly pick two people to be on the board of Student Council. They have to have qualities of a good representative. But you can't have these qualities and automatically get in either. No, no no! You also have to convince your audience why they should give their vote to you in the form of a speech.

This year for Student Council the majority of our class went for it but that means it was very close.

When it was time to vote we all went to the hall. We told Amanda our name and she crossed it out. Isobelle stamped all of the pages. Then we went to our voting booths where we put an X on the box with the name we think would be the best Student Council member.

Everybody should go for Student Council. It is lots of fun and if you do not get in just remember it is ok and you will always have next year.

[Roisin Stapleton; Gabby Donohoe; Zoe Kenneally; Sinéad Moran. 4th Class]



Happy Christmas