

The Old School Bell

The old school bell
was bought by the Master.

It rang very well
and went through lots of disasters.

It saw frost, It saw sun.
It got lost and had fun.

Then came the new bell,
That everyone hated.
The old one left behind
all old and dated.

Then the Master took it home
It's having a great time.
The bell had a long life.
That's why I wrote this rhyme.

By Alisann Gorman, 5th Class.



Christmas Word Search

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o	p	r	z	f	x	k	u	o	r
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u	t	h	o	l	l	y	y	v	s
b	a	h	u	y	t	o	g	z	m
a	r	e	w	r	e	a	t	h	t

Competition: Can you find nine Christmas words in the word search? First 3 correct entries out of a hat will win a prize. Write your answer and name and class on a piece of paper and hand it to your teacher before Dec 19th.

Good Luck!!!



Santa Claus, Santa Claus

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Where are you?

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Give us a clue.

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
I wrote my letter.

Santa Claus, Santa Clause,
Could it be better?

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Please come by.

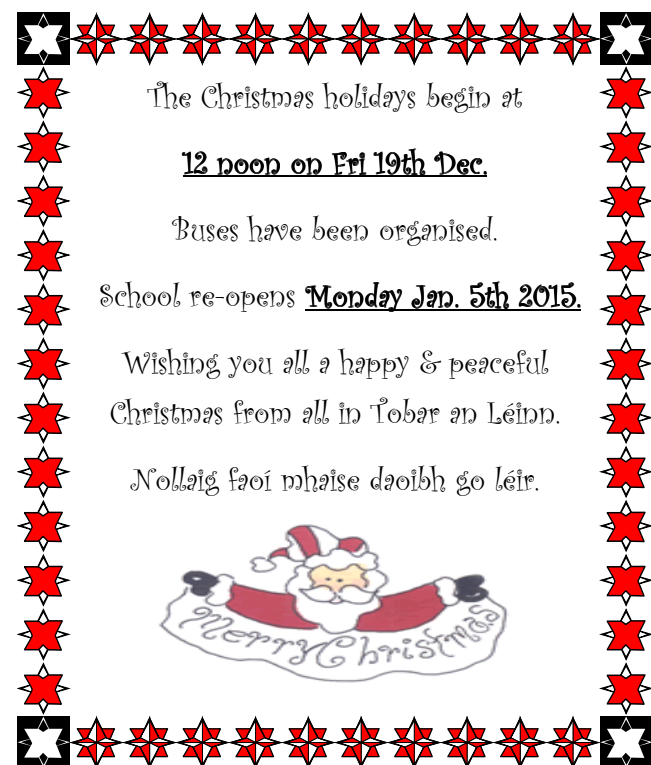
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Don't make me sigh.

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
I wish you were here.

Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Give us some cheer.

Santa Claus, Santa Claus.
By: *Netasha Dunne 6th Class*

Merry Christmas!



The Christmas holidays begin at

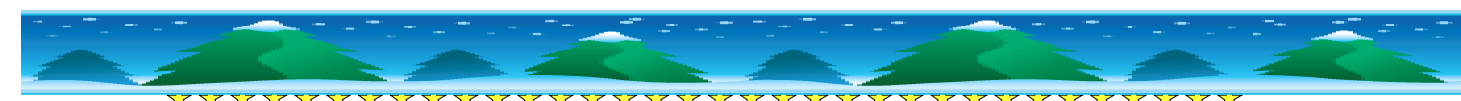
12 noon on Fri 19th Dec.

Buses have been organised.

School re-opens Monday Jan. 5th 2015.

Wishing you all a happy & peaceful
Christmas from all in Tobar an Léinn.

Nollaig faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



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The Master's Retirement Day

On Friday the 7th of November there was a tree-planting ceremony for Mr. Fitzgerald, the former principal of Tobar an Léinn, also known as The Master. It was a lovely day with the sun shining. All the pupils were dressed in their uniform and they had learned some songs for the event.

Fr. Kelly joined with our teachers and new principal Mr. Crean to welcome Mr. Fitzgerald. Timmy had dug a big hole on the bóithrín for the tree. Afterwards we went into the Seomra Teachta le Chéile. Each class performed a show piece for Mr. Fitzgerald. There were also a few speeches and presentations. Orlagh Wullich presented him with a tree planting certificate, Niamh O'Sullivan presented him with a slate with the school prayer on it from all the pupils and Aisling Tunney and Emily Goode presented him with a plaque from the Board of Management.



That evening there was a ceremony for Mr. Fitzgerald in St Fintan's Church Raheen. The school choir sang during the ceremony. Afterwards there were refreshments in Eamonn a' Chnoic. It was a very enjoyable day for Mr. Fitzgerald and the school.

We wish Mr. Fitzgerald the very best of luck in his life ahead.

By *Emily Goode 6th class & Jennifer Holland 5th class*

School Christmas Concert

Tobar an Léinn Christmas concert took place last Friday night 19th Dec with a special guest paying a visit. Infants opened the show with their heart-warming play “The Gift”. Next up were children in 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th class who entertained us with “Tinsel and Tea-towels”.

Santa made a surprise visit during the interval, and he even helped out with the raffle. In the 2nd half, 5th class performed their play, “The Famine”, and the evening was rounded off with a hilarious sketch performed by 6th class. It was a marvellous evening of entertaining and festive fun. *Well done to the children and all who made the evening such a success.*

Merry Christmas Everybody!!!!

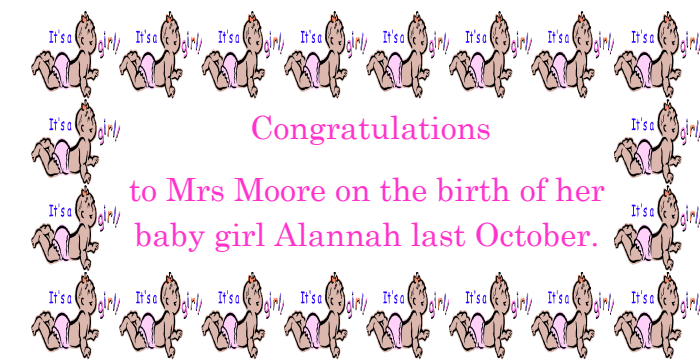
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Welcome to our new Principal

The staff & students would like to extend a very big Tobar an Léinn welcome to our new Principal Mr. Patrick Crean. We hope that he has a long and very happy career in Tobar an Léinn.



Congratulations

to Mrs Moore on the birth of her
baby girl Alannah last October.

Cumann na mBunscol News

On Wednesday 22 of October the girls were in the Division 7 football final. They had a strong start but they were trailing by 10 points at half time. They showed great determination till the final whistle and they added 3-3 to their final score. No matter how hard they tried they could not overhaul Rosenallis so sadly they lost. The final score was Tobar an Léinn 4-7 Rosenallis 8-6. Scorers for Tobar an Léinn were Niamh O'Sullivan 3-4, Ellen Donoghue 0-2, Eleanor Holland 1-1. **By Matthew Goode 4th class.**

Our Experience through Cumann na mBunscol

It all kicked off at training one Monday the week before our Cumann na mBunscol final against Rosenallis. We were all excited but puzzled about who would be captain for the match. Mrs. Griffin decided to take a vote. It was a tie between Niamh and Aisling. To prepare in school we made leaflets and posters for the match. Soon it was the day of the final and the nerves were getting to us all. The dressing room was full of team spirit. Mrs. Griffin was encouraging us all the way. The first thing we did on the pitch was our warm-ups and team photos. When the match started Aisling was in goals, Emily and Roisin Moore in backs, in midfield were Niamh and Ellen and last but not least Natasha and Alisann in forward. Rosenallis scored the first point but we came back with a goal. By half time we thought we had lost it all but with the encouragement from Chris Murray and Mrs. Griffin we pulled back. We scored a few goals and points which upped our confidence for the second half. We fought as hard as we could throughout the match but unfortunately luck was not on our side. It was a disheartening defeat but we'll be back next year!

By: Niamh O' Sullivan and Aisling Tunney 6th class

PADDINGTON

In September Mrs Griffin brought in a teddy bear called "Paddington". Every weekend a boy or girl gets to bring Paddington home. Chloe was the first girl to bring Paddington home. When Paddington goes to your house he brings his diary with him. Everyone writes about Paddington's adventures and takes photos with him. I was very excited when it was my turn to have Paddington. He came to gymnastics and slept in my bed. We all love Paddington. **By Isaballa Troy, 1st Class**



Paddington goes to lots of different places. Paddington has a diary, we put photos and write what we do in it. We pick a name out every week and the person takes Paddington home on Friday for the weekend. On Monday Paddington comes back to school and we read what they did with Paddington over the weekend. Paddington always has an adventure. Some people have already taken Paddington on an adventure. Paddington always has a good time. I went to see *Paddington* in the cinema. My favourite part was when Paddington found his new home, but the whole movie was brilliant!!! **By Aoife Delaney 2nd Class**

Fire Brigade Pays a Visit. On the 24th of October the Abbyleix Fire Brigade came to our school. Each classroom got to go out and see what they had. They showed us lots of things like a portable pump, water hose, equipment for cutting open cars which have been damaged in car crashes and a time board which is used to record the length of time which a fire man or a fire woman has spent inside a burning building. We got to sit in the fire engine and look all around. For Halloween they told us to be careful around bonfires and fire works. Before they left they let us spray the water hose onto the yard - that was great fun. Overall it was a very enjoyable day and I learned a lot about fire safety. **By Eleanor Holland**

5 Safety Tips for Christmas

1. Never leave your Christmas Lights plugged in. Always plug them out before going to bed.
2. Don't use a double adaptor.
3. Do not over load sockets, keep cables tidy and avoid a trip hazard.
4. Never leave lighted candles unattended.
5. Always use a spark guard in front of the fire.

By Jack Coogan 1st Class



Boys Football Cumann na mBunscol 2014

This year's Cumann na mBunscol challenge didn't go quite as well as we would have liked. We didn't get a single victory. Our first match was against Ballinakill. This we could have won but we didn't play our best. We played Ballyadams in our second match. Daniel the goalie played brilliantly but our team just dropped short by two points. We played Paddock for our third match. This was the same story - we knew from the very start it was going to be tough and it was. We lost by a couple of points.

Our fourth match, against The Rock, was a brilliant game. Every man on the field played his best. At half-time we were winning by 8 points, but in the second-half we lost our concentration. We lost by 3 points.

Our last match was against Durrow. At this stage we were out of the competition but we would have liked to win our last match. However like the others they were tough and we dropped short by 6 points.

Unfortunately we didn't play well in the football but we wish to play better in the hurling.

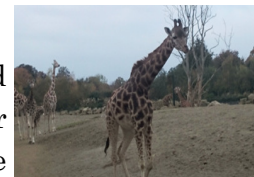
By: Franky McEvoy and James Whelan.



The zoo in the classroom

In Seomra Beatha Óige we explored the Dublin Zoo website with our teacher. We got to watch some of the animals from the webcast. There were loads of animals to choose from such as giraffes, zebras and ostriches in the African Plains, as well as elephants, wolves and penguins. It was like going to the zoo but we were in school. When we were watching the wolves one came up really close. It was the best English class ever.

If you would like to see this, go on to www.dublinzoo.ie.
By Niamh Tunney 3rd class and Anna Keane 4th



Mr. Crean's Cars

Mr. Crean has many cars. The first car noticed by the pupils was the Peugeot 306 Convertible. This car has made many appearances in the Staff Car Park of Tobar an Léinn, the first of which was on September 1st 2014, Mr. Crean's first day as principal.

When the pupils saw the Citroen 2cv they were amazed. This is a vintage car that was originally made for the peasants of France. When 5th and 6th Class were studying the French Revolution, Mr. Crean was kind enough to let us out to see the car and get photos with it. During the lesson we noticed that this too is a convertible. The most recent car driven to school was the Citroen C6.

Mr. Crean also has some other cars that we haven't seen yet such as a Peugeot 205 gti and a 406 Coupe. He admits he has too many cars and someday there needs to be a big clear out. He also feels it is important to work hard, but it's also important to have a hobby, such as driving and collecting cars.

By Daniel O'Sullivan, 6th Class



Mythical Maze One day my family and I went to the Library and I saw a poster up for a reading competition. I asked the librarian if I could enter she said yes. She said each time I read two books I would get two stickers. She gave me a poster of a maze. I had to stick the stickers into the maze. I received a letter saying I was one of the winners. I was very happy. All the winners went to a ceremony. There was a lady talking and an author talking. They both had a lovely speech. We all got a medal presented by the author. We also got a goody bag and our photo taken. It was a lovely night!

By Colleen Lalor 3rd Class.

Movie Night Our Principal, Mr. Crean arranged a Movie Night for Raheen school. It cost €5 per child and if there were three or more children in a family it would cost €12. The school provided popcorn, but we had to bring our own treats and drinks. Each classroom watched a different movie. The Infants watched "The Lion King", 1st and 2nd watched "Corpse Bride", 3rd and 4th watched "Spy Kids" and 5th and 6th watched "Tale of Despereaux". The best part was that we all got to dress up. It was a fantastic night.

By: Kaja Mc Donald 3rd Class.

My Enrolment Mass

On Sunday the 19th October 2nd class had their Enrolment Mass. It was my Mass, therefore my family had to do some readings. My sister and I brought up the bread and wine. Second class walked up to the altar and Fr. Kelly said some prayers. After a little while Mass ended. I felt happy because I enjoyed the Mass. It was very nice to see my friends after Mass. Our next Communion preparation Mass is on Sunday 21st December.

By Ally McDonald 2nd Class

Midlands Radio 3

Pays a visit to Tobar an Léinn

Alison Honnor came from Midlands Radio 3 to interview rang a dó in the Seomra Teachta le Chéile on the 13th November.

I was very nervous.

Alison asked us what we thought heaven looked like.

I said, "I think Heaven is singing all the time. When people you love go to heaven I believe they watch over you and that they look out for you all the time."

We heard our interview in class. Ms Griffin played it on the podcast and we were all so happy and excited to hear our voices on the radio.

