

Nollaig Shona

On Christmas Eve, all the reindeer were getting ready to fly around the world. They were hoping for a decent night. They had seen some weird things over the years, like Santa getting stuck in the chimney (Dasher had to try pull him out) and Santa getting attacked by a dog (they left him in Calafornia that year).

Back at the stable Santa went into the sections which the reindeer were in and called out all nine of them individually, "Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen" and last but not least



Rudolph was preparing for leading all the reindeer when he spotted something in the distance. It was a carrot as nice as salted popcorn. Rudolph ran as fast as his hind legs could carry him. He did not want the others to get jealous so he ate it in the woods. When he turned around to go back to the stable he could not find his way home!! Rudolph was extremely sad and started crying so badly that it could start a flood.

"Rudolph". But all Santa heard when he called Rudolph was silence. Santa got very worried and in ten minutes the whole of the North Pole was searching for poor Rudolph. Santa had a map of where they were and where they were going. He was

so worried that the children might stop believing in Christmas and Santa.

After one long hour of looking all over the place an elf called Snowflake found Rudolph in the woods and brought him back to the stable. Santa was delighted and rewarded Snowflake with extra marshmallows in her hot chocolate. Santa then told everyone the good news and gathered up all the reindeers to deliver all the presents.

All the reindeer got what they wanted - a decent night! And for Rudolph, Santa gave him a life time supply of carrots.

By Anna May Hogan, 3rd class

The Best Christmas

On Christmas Eve it took so long,
So I counted down the hours.
There was lots of Christmas cheer,
So many songs around the town.
The big man with the power is near
But everyone is drinking beer.
When I woke up I saw my presents
I screamed, "Thank You Santa!"
I went upstairs to get my mama,
I told her it was Christmas!
She came downstairs,
We went to Mass and it took hours
So I counted down the hours.

By Niamh Stackpool, 5th class



Christmas Competition

To be in with a chance of winning a Christmas prize simply answer the following question:

On what date do we celebrate Christmas Day?

Give your entry to your class teacher by Thursday 19th.
Good Luck!



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Tobar an Léinn Celebrates Achievements

On the 4th of October we raised our Health Promoting and Active Flags. Our guests were Frank Greally, Garry O'Reilly and Martin Mc Donald. Martin Mc Donald from Ireland's Fittest Family did the Daily Mile with the whole school. Now we have three flags raised. We are very proud of our achievements.



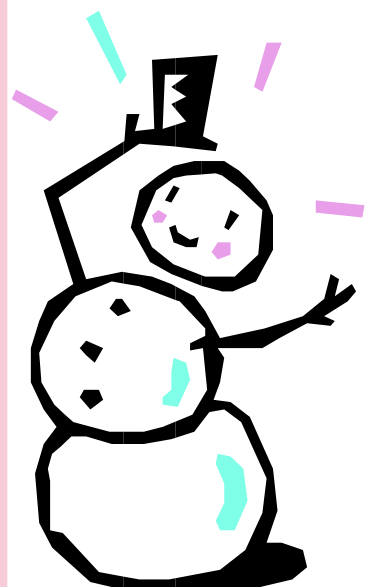
By Cian Conroy, Jeffrey Bland and Shane Keogh 1st/2nd class

Debating Success

Ava Coleman, Isabella Troy, Katie Grant, Emma O' Connor, Maja Donoghue and May Phelan are the members of the Tobar an Léinn debating team this year. In October we had our 1st debate against Portlaoise Educate Together. The motion was "Homework is a Waste of Time" and we were agreeing with that motion. We won that debate and made it through to the next round. Our next debate was in our school against Sacred

Heart NS, Roscrea. That was a tough debate as our opposition was very strong but we managed another victory and now we are through to the semi-final. We are delighted with our achievements so far and would like to thank Ms. Hayes for all her help.

By Isabella Troy and Ava Coleman, 6th class



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- We are looking forward to our Carol Service on Tuesday 17th in St. Fintan's Church at 7pm.

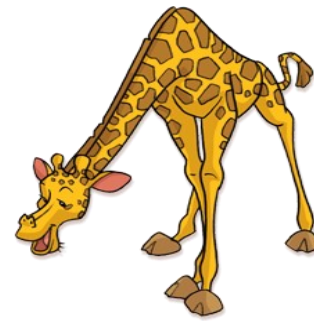


Giraffe Habitat Challenge

On Thursday Nov 7th, third and fourth class got the opportunity to go to Dublin Zoo. We were set a challenge to sketch, model and create a video of a sustainable giraffe habitat, using materials such as toilet rolls, paper, card, egg boxes and string. We were divided into groups and drew a sketch and then created a model. We are soon to create a video. In the video, we have to describe what is good for the environment and for example, how heat will be

kept inside the building on a cold day. I would love to win because the first prize is €2000 off the schools bill. The 2nd prize is a trip to BWS in Belfast. We have learned a lot about giraffes and we had a lovely tour guide. It was both a challenging and exciting project.

By Aaliyah Troy, 4th class



The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile is a run we do every morning at the start of school. We do it for 10 minutes. We can walk, jog or run. Some people run with each other and some run on their own. It makes us fit and healthy and gets our blood pumping. Our favourite part is getting

energy for our work at school. At the end we get our bags and go into school. We all enjoy it a lot.

By Rebecca Peake, Molly Donoghue and Róisín O'Sullivan, 1st class

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STEM Project

A group from 2nd class were given a challenge to create a project about koalas. First we did some research. We found out that they actually sleep for 18 hours per day! We also learned that they eat eucalyptus leaves.

Next we drew a diagram, coloured it, collected our materials and assembled our model. We had to have two trees, a koala made out of clay and it had to be hanging from a branch. We do it all in our spare time and it's really fun.

By Anna Rose Keyes, Lillian Troy, Ellen Conroy and Cian Conroy, 2nd class



African Drumming

This year 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class started African Drumming.

A man called Eddie O'Neill teaches us.

There are four types of drums, the jambes, the kenken, the sangban and the dunumba. When we

do drumming we do lots of different beats. For each beat we have different words to match the beat.

We use the syllables to beat the drum, for exam-

ple, Barcelona has four beats. I really love African Drumming and I hope it never ends. I would like to thank Eddie for making this whole thing possi-

“I really love African Drumming and I hope it never ends”.

ble.

By Barry Conroy, 4th class.

Soccer Tournament

Third and fourth class travelled to Kildare to play an indoor soccer tournament. We were split into four teams, two girls and two boys. The rules were a bit different than normal soccer. For a kick-out, we had to roll it out to a team mate in our own half. For

throw we had to kick the ball. We all had great fun. I really enjoyed the soccer tournament.

By Benjamin Peake, 3rd class

Mullingar Arts Centre

On Thursday the 7th November, 6th Class travelled to Mullingar Arts Centre. The drive took an hour but once we got there we were very excited. Our art work from the previous year was on display and we were very proud to see it. When we all went in we were greeted by a staff member

and were brought into a big room filled with other schools. Our art work from the previous year was on display and we were very proud to see it.

We also got the opportunity to take part in a yoga session which was very enjoyable.

Christmas Crackers

How much did Santa Claus pay for his sleigh?
Nothing. It was on the house.

How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?
He was hooked on Christmas trees his whole life!

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?
A Christmas Quacker.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus?
Santa—Nickel—Less.

By Abbie Conroy, 3rd Class

