

## Poetry Corner

### An Geimhreadh i Ráithín

Everyone in Raheen asleep by the fire,  
 Except for those practising for the parish  
 choir  
 As they will be singing at the Christmas  
 Mass  
 And no doubt they will be top class.  
  
 The country roads covered in snow.  
 Mrs. Dunne's closed until tomorrow,  
 People dreaming of sweet temptations  
 Eamon A' Chnoic's getting ready for the  
 celebrations.  
  
 Final rehearsals for the pantomime,  
 They're putting on Cinderella this time.  
 The little children eating candy canes.  
 Nollaig Shona Daoibh ó na páistí i dTo-  
 bar an Leinn.

By: Leah Moffitt  
 5<sup>th</sup> Class



### Christmas Day

Christmas morning snow  
 was falling. There were  
 presents under the tree.  
 We were all smiling.  
  
 Christmas midday we  
 made snow men and snow  
 angels. We were all cold.  
  
 Christmas evening we  
 opened our presents. I got  
 a doll and my brother got a  
 football. We were all hap-  
 py.  
  
 Christmas night we were  
 all hungry we had turkey .  
 We were all full.

.....Later we had treats like  
 sweets.

By Alisann Gorman.  
 3rd Class

### December

December December  
 I can't wait  
 Presents and snow  
 It's not that late  
  
 Playing all day  
 In the snow and mist  
 Making snowmen and  
 angels  
 It's at the top of my list  
  
 Santa is coming  
 Throughout the night  
 Who knows what he  
 might leave you  
 To your excited delight

I can't wait till Christmas  
 morning  
 Who knows what I might  
 find  
 A new bike or game  
 Or a half eaten carrot that  
 Rudolph left behind  
  
 By Conor Donoghue  
 6th Class



Happy Christmas

And

Best Wishes for the New Year



### Christmas Competition

Solve the cryptic clues to find the  
 rhyming pairs!

- A very tidy road?  
 N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_
- A Wobbly mule?  
 W \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_
- A young hen that is feeling ill?  
 S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

Write your answers on a piece of  
 paper with your name and class and  
 give your entry to your class teacher  
 by **Thursday 20th December.**

First three entries out of a hat will  
 win a prize. Good Luck to All.

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"Tús Maith"

### We Want More – Lets Go For Four

Everyone knows that we have three  
 green flags but we're not stopping  
 there. We are now working extra hard  
 on getting our fourth green flag for  
 Travel.

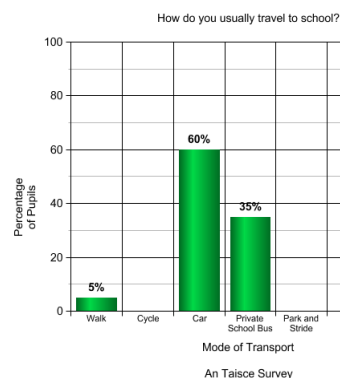
Earlier this year Sarah Fitzgerald the  
 Travel Education Officer with An  
 Taisce came to our school on Mon-  
 day the 15<sup>th</sup> of October to talk to us  
 about Transport.

She took a survey on how everyone  
 travelled to and from school. Below  
 are the results from that survey.

We will have a lot to do to get another

green flag for Tobar an Léinn but  
 hopefully with the help of An Taisce  
 we will be raising our fourth flag be-  
 fore we know it. **GO GREEN!!!!**

By Kaoife Carey and Aisling Tunney  
 4th Class



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### Designers in the Making

During October the Parents' Association  
 decided to get the pupils of Tobar an  
 Léinn primary school to design their  
 very own Christmas Cards.

When we were all finished designing the  
 cards we handed them up and they  
 were sent away to a card making  
 company called Christmas Cards For  
 Schools. They printed a display copy

and returned them with a form inside  
 the card for ordering a packet of your  
 cards.

Everyone's card turned out to be fabu-  
 lous. We now have our cards and we  
 are looking forward to sending them to  
 our friends and family for Christmas.

By Daniel O'Sullivan and Niall Fox  
 4th class.



We have a busy schedule here in Tobar an Léinn  
 for Christmas. On Tuesday 18th the Infants will  
 kick off the festivities with their show 'The Gift'.

We will be celebrating our annual Christmas  
 Mass on Wednesday 19th with 'The Tobar an  
 Léinn Voices' followed by 'That Night in

Bethlehem' performed by the pupils from first to  
 fourth class. Glúnóg—the Tobar an Léinn band  
 will also be performing on the day.

*Nollaig Faoi Shiocháin agus faoi  
 áthas daoibh go léir.*



## The First Cars

Did you know that the first cars were actually powered by steam? An inventor called Richard Trevithick built a steam powered car called The Puffing Devil in 1801. The first steam powered cars were very noisy and really, really fast! The first car that actually ran on petrol was built in Germany in 1885. An inventor called Karl Benz designed a car with three wheels and a tiller for steering.

Today cars are more comfortable, technical, come in more colours, are better looking and most certainly are safer than cars would have been eighty years ago. We have certainly come a long way!

By Kolia McDonald

4th Class

## That Night in Bethlehem

This year 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class are doing a Christmas play. It is called 'That Night in Bethlehem'. Everyone has a part to do. It is great fun.

We go into the Seomra Teacht le Chéile to practise. We are learning our parts off at the moment.

Every Wednesday John Hosey comes in and helps us with the songs we are doing in the play. We are also doing Silent Night on the tin whistle. We would like to thank Ms Kirwan, Ms Moore and John Hosey for all their help. We can't wait till the big day!

By Emily Goode

4<sup>th</sup> class

## Advent Prayer

God our Father,

Our school community has begun our Advent preparation.

Be with us as we learn more about this holy time of year.

May we watch in prayer,

May we listen in hope,

May we our hearts be filled with wonder and may we praise you always.

We ask this and all our prayers through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen



## The Firemen's Visit

This year the firemen visited Tobar an Léinn. Class by class, we saw the water hose. Everyone tried the hose. Now that was exciting!

After that we saw the body alarm. The body alarm makes a sound when the firemen is not moving. We saw the human detector.

Later, the fireman talked about fire safety. We all had great fun and learned a lot about fire safety.

By Erin Lalor.

2nd Class

## Road Safety

This year we have done a lot about safety on the road. We learned many rules. We made safety posters in groups and we did separate ones on our own. Here is some of the rules we learned:

1. Always wear bright clothes on the road
2. Always stay on the foot paths where possible
3. Always use the pedestrian crossings
4. Always remember to use the Safe Cross Code

By James Whelan and Franky McEvoy

4th Class

## Monthly Mass

This year the pupils of 2<sup>nd</sup> class; Eleanor Holland, Cody Bland, Fionn Earls, Matthew Goode, Sarah Haide, Tommy Hearn, Rionna Hennessy, Anna Keane, Erin Lalor, James O'Sullivan and Cian Wullich are making their First Holy Communion. In October we had our Enrolment Mass. Last month we remembered those who died and we brought up our leaves. We will celebrate our next mass on the third Sunday of Advent and we will light the pink candle of joy.

By Matthew Goode.

2nd Class

## Girls Football! – What a Year!

The girls football started in September. It was fourth, fifth, and sixth class girls who were playing. Our first match was against Rosenallis in Rosenallis. We played a stormer and won the game. We had great expectations for the year ahead but then, disaster struck... one of our best players, Ciara Dunphy got very badly injured. Her foot got broken while horse riding. She could not play as she was on crutches but we had to keep on going.

We trained every week on Wednesdays at one o'clock. We also played mini matches, and we learned how to do the three women weave. We did laps and hand passing too. The training was really great fun and we learned lots of new skills as well.

Unfortunately we lost our next two matches. We were devastated. We had one match left against Spink. We ended the year with a bang. We didn't really mind that we were out of it. We were just happy to have played in the Tobar an Léinn spirit! We put in a lot of effort and we had great fun along the way.

We would like to say a big thank you to the school for their great support, and especially for Ms Kirwan who was a great help to the team. She is the best trainer ever and we wouldn't want anyone else.

By Niamh o' Sullivan, Natasha Dunne and Mollie Brennan.

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## The Boys Football-The Highs And Lows

Our football season kicked off with an away match to Ratheniska. They were very strong and experienced, they beat us by a good bit. Then we went away again to Derrylamogue. They were also a very good and experienced side. They also beat us. Next we were up against the group favourites, The Heath. This was a home game

and we battled very hard but they were just too strong for us. Our next match was away to Clonaslee. We were sick and tired of losing and we were determined to get a win. At half time we were losing

by about 9 points. But as ye well know we are the comeback kids. We came back and ended up winning by about 6 points! Then our last match was a home match which was a good thing. We were playing Clough who were very strong. That match ended in a draw. Overall our football season did not go very well ending up with 3 losses, 1 win and 1 draw.

By Enda Mulhall

6th Class



## Sonny Boy The Champion Racehorse

In the year 1999 a little foal was born and his name was Sonny Boy. The stable hands knew he was going to be good at racing by the way he stood. The stable hand took good care of him until he was ready to go.

When he was two years old he went for a temperament test and he was accepted. He returned to the stables to get started with some training. The first thing he learned was to stay calm with crowds and to pick up speed and when to stop.

Then he moved on to advanced training. He learned a lot of things like how to run straight and stay on his side of the track. He became more calm and his jockey grew fonder of him. After all his hard training he was ready to move on to the races.

Sonny Boy won the English and the Irish Grand National. He also had wins in the Curragh and Naas and at the Galway Races and came second in Leopardstown.

He retired in the year 2011 and he is now looked after at the National Stud in Kildare.

By Shóna Phelan 5<sup>th</sup> class

