

# The buzzy BEE



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ST. ATTRACTA'S SNS

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by Alice Gleeson

Gay Byrne started the Toy Show in December 7<sup>th</sup> in 1974 because he wanted to give aunties, uncles and parents gift ideas. The Toy Show in the beginning was actually a half an hour slot at the end of the regular Late Late Show. Due to the show's popularity it developed into a show of its own. Pat Kenny replaced Gay Byrne in 1999, followed by Ryan Tubridy in 2009.

One of my favourite moments from the Toy Show was when Ryan surprised brother and sister, Adam and Kayla. Ryan presented them with a massive wrapped present, you can only imagine how surprised and delighted they were to see their dad, an army soldier who had been out at war in Africa, hidden in the box.

Thankfully the Toy Show continued this year with a few COVID precautions. The Toy Show theme this year was Roald Dahl, it was truly amazing. The show went live on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. The Toy Show always has a great effect on people and this year they raised over five million euro for multiple charities. It is a great show for all ages!!! I am already excited about the next one.



## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

by Melissa Rose O'Sullivan

What did the dog get for Christmas? -  
**A mobile bone!**

How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming?  
**He looks at his calen-deer!**

What do you call a reindeer with cotton in his ears? **Call him anything you like, he won't hear you!**

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? **The elf-abet!**

What do snowmen like on their burgers?  
**Chilly sauce!**

What is the best key to get at Christmas? **A tur-key!**

Why should you never invite a team of footballers for Christmas dinner?  
**Because they are always dribbling!**

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? **A Christmas Quacker!**

What do wizards use to wrap their Christmas presents?  
**Spell-o-tape!**

How do you get into Rudolph's house? **You ring the "deer" bell!**



# Positive Impacts We Have Made to Save Our World

by Síne Farrelly

Hi, my name is Síne and I am here to tell you what we (as humans) have done to have the planet. We have heard all of the bad things we are doing so in this article, I will tell you all the good things we are doing and the things we are getting better at. If you want to help make an impact, I have listed a couple of things that you can do at the end.

Before you continue reading, this is a topic that needs to be taken seriously.

**TREE DELIVERY:** Engineers at UK based Bio Carbon Engineering have developed seed-depositing drones designed to plant a billion trees a year! The drones are more nimble than aerial methods and now the drones can go places people can't!

**DENMARK RENEWABLE ENERGY:** 2019 was Denmark's greenest year ever. Up to 49% of Denmark's energy that year was solar and wind. This took a lot of hard work. Well done Denmark!

**ST ATTRACTA'S:** As a past Green Schools representative, I know and could feel, since 3<sup>rd</sup> class, the passion our school has when it comes to the environment. We are on our 7<sup>th</sup> green flag and I am sure that by the end of the year the Global Citizenship - Energy flag will be ours. We as a school - we recycle, turn off the lights and are improving on using less paper. I am proud to say my school is St Attracta's.

There is a lot more to say but less time to get out there and save our world. I for one have learned something and I am inspired to get on out there and do the right thing. This won't happen right away, but everyone's patience will lead to greatness.

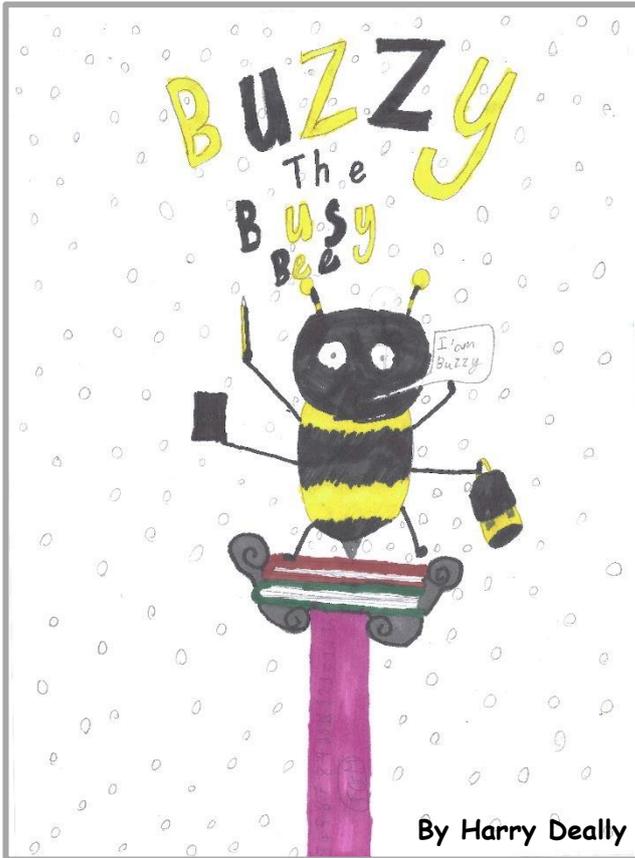
Finally, some ideas to help make an impact: if you can, try to walk and cycle of walk and ride; turn the water off when you're brushing your teeth, have a shower, not a bath; I know someone who has given up palm oil and I think I am (and you could) try to too; and, recycle and upcycle.



## COMIX!

By Oisín Coleman





## A Brief Criticism of Donald Trump

By Kirsty Scanlon

I write this with a tremendous feeling of joy that a man who has been the bane of my existence for the past four years has finally got his come-uppance and the American people - well the majority of them, have decided to dump him on the trash heap of history where I think he belongs. I'm sure you've all guessed that man who I'm talking about is Donald "J" Trump, and despite what his disciples said to a reporter, the "J" does not stand for genius.

From building a wall across the Mexico-American border to befriending a modern-day dictator that has imprisoned an entire country and threatened nuclear warfare on the entire world, his priorities don't seem to be the best for the American people.

Donald has also developed a long-distance relationship with one Mr Putin, whose political enemies have gotten a habit of dropping dead from chemical poisoning regularly.

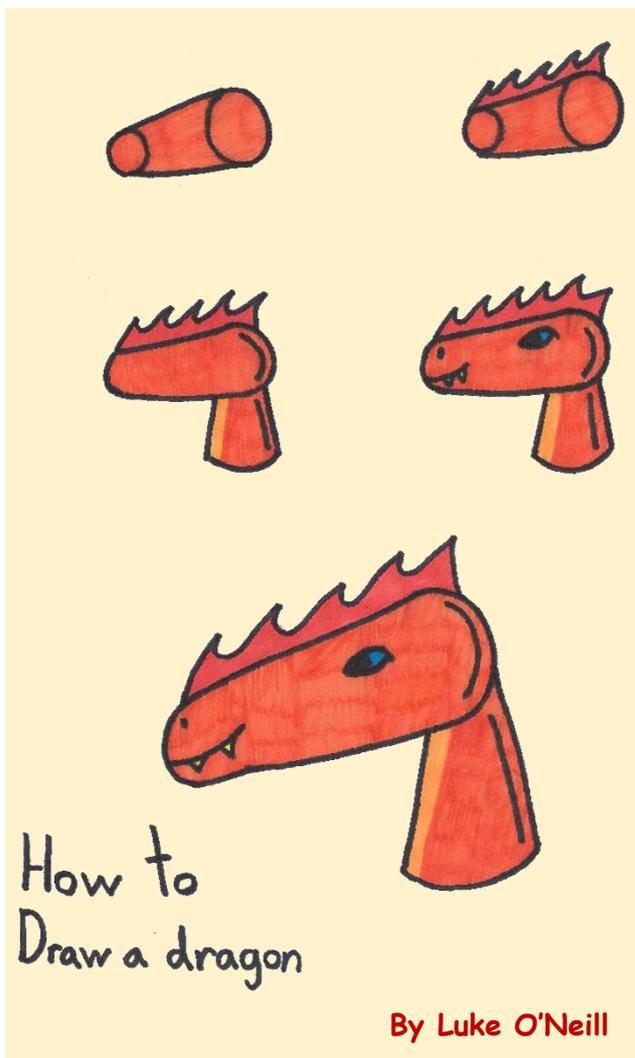
He has also mocked many people, a disabled reporter, multiple dead military veterans and ex-war prisoners who are "losers" for being captured/killed. This is coming from a man who avoided military drafting five times, following in his family's footsteps, but still people support him?

Mr Trump got one of the highest turn-outs of voters in modern American history, but thankfully "Sleepy Joe Biden" (as Trump mockingly calls him) received a larger turn-out.

I know I may be making a mockery of a man I will never meet, but he is a hidden warning showing how easily people who tell others what they want to hear instead of what they need to hear.

It may not be all bad about Donald, he makes me laugh when he dances to YMCA.

And so, to conclude my criticism, I want to say what a majority of the American people told Donald in the latest election... **YOU'RE FIRED!!!**



# MALALA YOUSAFZAI

By Jasmine Thomas

Malala Yousafzai was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1997 in Pakistan. Which means that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1997, a hero, a role model, an activist and an inspiration was born. Malala's brothers are named Khushal and Atal. In 2007, the Taliban gained control of where she lived. The Taliban brought in many laws. One of which was that girls were forbidden from going to school. Malala spoke out against this rule, fighting for equality. She started spreading information about the Taliban and her experience under the rule of the Taliban.

In 2011, she was awarded both the International Children's Peace Prize and Pakistan's National Youth Peace Prize. Because of her courage, she was a victim of many death threats. In 2012, members of the Taliban shot Malala while she was riding a bus. No one thought she would survive. But after being treated by expert doctors in the UK, she made an extraordinary recovery.

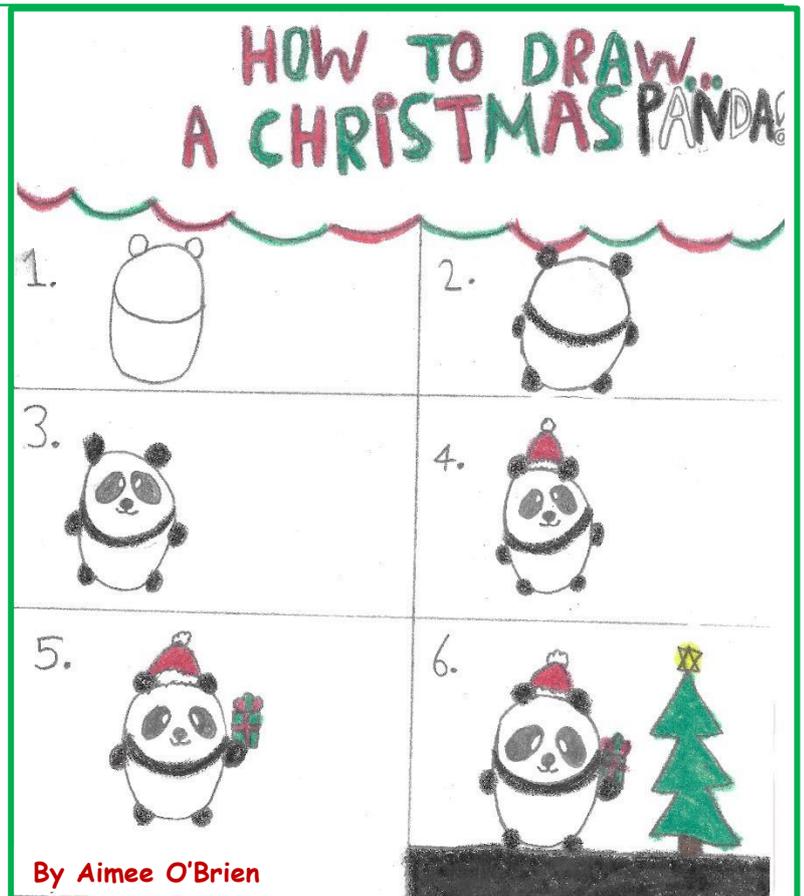


In 2014, Malala became the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala made the experiences of victims of the Taliban heard. The United Nations acknowledged that and declared her birthday as World Malala Day. So, on July 12<sup>th</sup>, you could stand up for someone getting hurt or educate yourself on people's stories to celebrate the day of one of the most inspiring people in the world.

## RIDDLES by Ella Wall

1. What has a head and a tail but no body?
2. What two things can you not eat at breakfast?
3. You can't see me and I only speak when I am spoken to. What am I?
4. Look at my face I am somebody, look at my back I am nobody. What am I?
5. How can you leave the room with 2 legs and return with 6?
6. When you take the whole from me there is still some. What am I?
7. What belongs to you but your friends use it more?
8. David's father has 3 sons: Snap, Crackle and...
9. You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk but when you look again you do not see a single person. How?
10. What word in capital letters is read the same is you read it normally or upside-down?



By Aimee O'Brien

- ANSWERS
1. Coin
  2. Lunch and dinner
  3. An echo
  4. Mirror
  5. Bring a chair with you
  6. Wholesome
  7. Your name
  8. David
  9. All of them are married
  10. SWIMS

## COVID

by Clodagh Fitzgerald

Covid is here,  
And we're all in despair  
It's left us in fear  
It just isn't fair!



We have to wear masks  
And stay apart  
And granny asks  
"Am I still in your heart?"



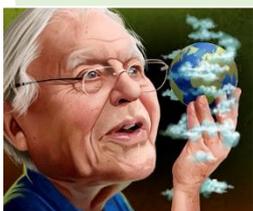
Next year I hope  
This is all over  
So we can all cope  
Because... GRANNY! I want to stay over!



## GINGER BREAD MEN

By James Bingham O'Leary

Oh Ginger Bread Men  
Wow, I love crunching on your buttons  
And seeing you smile with your little eyes  
I am crunching, I am crunching  
The days are cold,  
I love dipping you in hot cocoa,  
It's about to snow  
Can I bake you?  
NO, NO, NO!!!



## What would David Attenborough think?

by Ciara Merriman

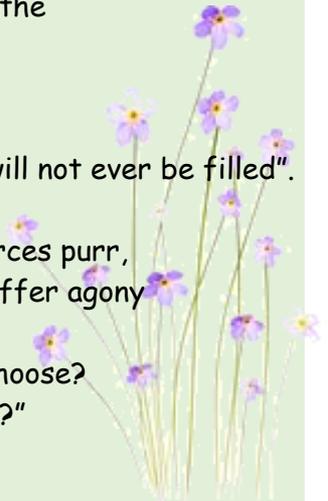
Turn out the lights my mom may say,  
But I won't do it anyway.  
Get out of the shower my day may scream,  
But I'm too busy getting clean.  
Switch off the heat my gran would say,  
But I'm happy to stay in my vest all day.  
Stop wasting food Grandad declared,  
But I was too busy eating eclairs.  
They all say I'm bold,  
But I don't give a stink,  
Although sometimes I wonder,  
What would David Attenborough think?

# Poetry Page!

## CHOICES

by Tracey Chen

I wake within a grove unknown  
Amidst three pedestals carved from stone.  
"Come" they urge, "Fulfil your dreams"  
"But forget not, things are never truly what they seem".  
Upon the first altar resides a ring  
"Eternal wealth" the voices croon  
"Through you never again will feel the  
warmth of the noon".  
The second plinth holds a pearl  
"Endless youth" the spirits trilled  
"However, the hole in your heart will not ever be filled".  
The final display boasts a flower  
"Never-ending joy!" the unseen forces purr,  
"Although those around you will suffer agony  
without a cure".  
"What will it be? What will they choose?  
Hurry along, what have you to lose?"



## CHRISTMAS

by Ollie Brennan

Cold weather in the sky  
Happy spirits in most peoples' houses  
Robins are keeping a close eye  
It is nearly time to celebrate.  
Santa is coming soon!!!  
Trees are decorated  
Mass might not happen this year  
Amazing presents under the tree  
Super faces on Christmas morning.



## SEASONS

By Owen Heffernan

Spring is really, really fun  
Easter sometimes in the sun  
Autumn leaves falling to the ground  
Soaking people all around  
Over now, day is done  
Nothing better than some rest  
Seasons really are the best





by Molly Egan

The DSPCA is a charity whose focus is to save animals and stop animal cruelty. It's based in Ireland and stands for the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It was founded in 1840 and is now Ireland's largest animal rescue organisation.

The DSPCA not only takes in abandoned animals but also nurses them back to health and finds homes to last forever. Many of these animals have all experienced harm and cruelty, yet they have a kind heart and just want to be loved.

In 2019, the DSPCA rescued 2627 animals, 2519 of which were given to homes to be loved. They also saved the lives of 1967 animals by giving them medicine to help them survive.

But that's not just what the DSPCA does. They make sure animals go to good homes and are treated well. You can also foster animals there which means that your family can take either a cat or dog home for a few weeks to see if you're able to look after one. This is because many families jump into the decision of having a pet, without even knowing how to look after one. If they are sure you can look after a pet then they let you make a decision to adopt.

I myself have a rescue dog called Coco from the DSPCA and I couldn't love him more. I've had him for four years now and I couldn't imagine my life without him. So if you're thinking of adopting from the DSPCA, my advice is DO IT.

If you can't have an animal at home for any reason, you can still volunteer at the DSPCA. They accept volunteers, but at the moment because of COVID-19 you might have to wait until the virus is gone.

Many families buy dogs instead of adopting, which in my opinion isn't great as there are many dogs and animals that need to be saved. So remember if you're thinking of getting and animal, **ADOPT DON'T SHOP.**

# LEAGUE OF IRELAND 2020

By Ronan Murray!

The League of Ireland has been a little bit different this year, with only 18 games rather than 36. That didn't stop Shamrock Rovers. Shamrock Rovers won the league and went on to go unbeaten throughout the whole season. Bohemians in second also put up a very good fight this year.

While at the other end, Cork City were pretty disappointing. With only two wins all season they get relegated down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division along with Shelbourne who only ended up spending one season in the top division.

TEAMS	W	D	L	Pts
1. Shamrock Rovers	15	3	0	48
2. Bohemians	12	1	5	37
3. Dundalk	7	5	6	26
4. Sligo Rovers	8	1	9	25
5. Waterford	7	3	8	24
6. St. Patricks Athletic	5	6	7	21
7. Derry City	5	5	8	20
8. Finn Harps	5	5	8	20
9. Shelbourne	5	4	9	19
10. Cork City	2	5	11	11



## LAMINGTONS by Erin McKeon

A lamington is a small sponge cake covered in a chocolatey icing rolled in coconut shreds with a jam filling. It is a lovely Australian dessert and I would like to share it with you.

- Ingredients**
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup self-raising flour, sifted
  - 125g softened butter
  - 1 cup caster sugar
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 3 eggs
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk
  - 2 cups desiccated coconut
- Icing**
- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups icing sugar mix
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoa powder
  - 1 tablespoon softened butter
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  cup boiling water

### Method

STEP 1 - Preheat oven to 180°C

Grease a 3cm deep, 20x30cm base lamington pan. Line with baking paper, leaving a 2cm overhang on all sides. Use an electric mixer & beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition (mixture may curdle)

STEP 2 - Sift half the flour over butter mixture. Stir to combine. Add half the milk. Stir to combine. Repeat with remaining flour and milk. Spoon into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean. Stand in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack. Cover with a clean tea towel. Set aside overnight.

STEP 3 - Make icing: Sift icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl. Add butter and boiling water. Stir until smooth.

STEP 4 - Cut cake into 15 pieces. Place coconut in a dish. Using a fork, dip 1 piece of cake in icing. Shake off excess. Toss in coconut. Place on a wire rack over a baking tray. Repeat with remaining cake, icing and coconut. Stand for 2hrs or until set. Now you have a nice Australian dessert you can sit back and enjoy or give it to a friend for a small gift!



## NUTELLA-STUFFED BROWNIES by Eva Keating



### Ingredients

- 500g white sugar
- 120g all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt (optional)
- 100g cocoa powder
- 370g Nutella

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 175 °C
2. In a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add sugar and mix well. Remove from heat and add salt, flour and cocoa powder, stirring until combined. Whisk in eggs until the mixture becomes a batter. Set aside.
3. Spray an 8" x 8" pan with cooking spray. Pour half the batter into the pan. Spoon or lightly drizzle the Nutella on top of the batter forming an even layer over the brownie batter. Use a spoon or silicone spatula to cover the remaining brownie batter. Top tip: if you pour the batter straight on top of the Nutella, it will sink into the Nutella and create a marbled yet delicious mess!
4. Bake until the top layer of the brownies have browned and set, 28 to 30 minutes should do the trick. It should not jiggle when you remove it from the oven. Top tip: the toothpick test does not work here as the toothpick will hit the Nutella layer, making it seem uncooked.
5. Let it cool for 15 to 20 minutes, then cut into squares and serve. Enjoy!





By Danny Cullen

New Comic Coming Soon.... Only on THE BUZZY BEE



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Aoife Darcy  
with  
Max from The Grinch



Sparkle, Snowflake & Snow the Reindeers



**S**tand up to your enemies  
**T**ake a chance  
**A**ttracta never gives up  
**T**ime will pass & you will see them improve  
**T**rust your friends and teachers too  
**R**espect is our motto  
**A**t St. Attracta's we'll always smile  
**C**ycle, walk & drive as well  
**T**ry your best  
**A** amazing teachers and SNAs too  
**S**taff, students and teachers too.

By Callie O'Riordan