

# The Buzzy Bee

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## To Be Or Not To Buzzy Bee?



Iman, Grace, Katie, Dan, Jack and Ale enjoying the snow

Welcome all students to the very first edition of The Buzzy Bee. But could it also be the very last? To be or not to Buzzy Bee, that is the hot topic of this newspaper.

This creative name was invented by Mr Bradley's 3rd class students, Ryan and Molly. Out of hundreds of applicants The Buzzy Bee was chosen by our principal as the newspaper's name.

The tension is high as a survey conducted by editor Lachlan Thomson reveals that a shocking amount of people are against the name.

**By Niall Gleeson, Reanielle Broas & Toby Burns**

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### Ballinteer Locals Help an Ambulance Crew from Donnybrook Fire Station

There were many instances of good neighbourliness during the recent snow storm, but the people of Ballinteer took it to another level.

An ambulance crew from Donnybrook Fire Station had an emergency call on Sunday, the 4th of March, from a house in Broadford estate. A sick man needed to go to hospital but the place he was living in was

snowbound and the crews could not get an ambulance anywhere near the house. The man had a very bad infection and paramedics worried that it would turn sepsis.

Neighbours saw the ambulance and fire truck stuck in the snow. A few minutes later 30 neighbours had appeared with shovels. They started clearing a path to the house but the ambulance crew decided that it was still too dangerous to attempt to go into the estate.

Then another kind neighbour appeared with his 4x4 wheel drive car which could navigate the snowbound roads. The patient was safely put into the back of the 4x4 and then put into the ambulance.

The work of the people in Ballinteer left the ambulance crew with tears in their eyes seeing them come to their neighbour's assistance. Firefighter Michael Duggan said "The response of neighbours had been fabulous. We had churned stomachs. We were overwhelmed by the response.

It was community spirit at its best. It was one of those times that doesn't come along too often. We hadn't a hope of getting near the house otherwise'. The man was taken to St James hospital where he is now recovering.

While the ambulance service were busy, 2,000 volunteers were also involved in answering emergency calls and coming to the assistance of the National Ambulance Service.

This was a great act of kindness.

## To Be or Not to Buzzy Bee? The Big Debate

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### In favour...

Hello students of St Attracta's Senior National School. Our names are Aoibh Maguire and Toby Burns and we are passionate about keeping the name The Buzzy Bee.

The name The Buzzy Bee was chosen by third classers, people who are new to the school with fresh ideas. If we get rid of the name it could intimidate younger students into not putting any more ideas forward.

The name has meaning. The 'buzzy' bit stands for the constant buzz of chatter and group work in our school. The 'bee' bit has another meaning. The bee is a hard working creature just like the students in our school. A bee's main purpose is to pollinate flowers and make them grow. Just like the teachers in our school help the students learn, flourish and grow in character.

Lots of hard work has already gone into things surrounding the name. How would the creators of the name feel if their name that they had carefully chosen was discarded?

Lots of hard work has also gone into the logo. If all that work was thrown away it would be an insult to the people who designed them and shameful to throw away such brilliant art work.

By Fay Buggle, Toby Burns,  
Aoibh Maguire & Rebecca Neary

### Against...

Our names are Rebecca Neary and Fay Buggle and we are against the proposed name The Buzzy Bee. We are proposing a name change for various reasons.

First off, The Buzzy Bee is a great name but not for a senior school. It sounds more of a junior school name. It is juvenile. There are approximately 350 students in St Attracta's Senior National School. Of these, 90 will be going to secondary school in September. A more mature name should reflect this population.

The name The Buzzy Bee has nothing to do with our school. Our school mascot is not a bee. Yellow and black, the colours traditionally associated with bees do not feature in our school logo. Ireland where we live is not known for bees. We do not have a climate that suits them.

Lachlan Thomson conducted a survey of 84 students. This was a random survey of both boys and girls in different classes. His results show that more than two-thirds of the students who have taken the survey disagree with the name The Buzzy Bee. They expressed genuine disappointment in this juvenile name.

We hope that you will decide against The Buzzy Bee as it is irrelevant to our school and the majority of students would like to see it changed.



## A Look into The Life of Iníon Uí Mháritín

### *What was your favourite thing to do when you were younger?*

My favourite thing to do when I was younger, and it still is, is reading.

### *When you were younger what did you want to be?*

I always wanted to be a doctor but God decided that I wasn't going to be a doctor and I ended up being a teacher.

### *Where are you from in Ireland?*

That's a good question. Everyone thinks that I'm from Kerry but I'm actually from Dublin. My heart is in Kerry because that's where I spent a lot of my childhood but I'm actually from Foxrock parish in Dublin.

### *Do you have any famous relatives?*

My cousin Dara Ó Cinnéide was captain of the winning Kerry team in 2004 and we're very proud of him.

### *What is your favourite shop?*

Without a doubt Avoca Handweavers. I love it!

### *What is your favourite band/singer?*

I love music but I don't have a real favourite band. I love anything with ballads. I don't like a lot of modern, noisy music. I like Ed Sheeran because he does ballads.

### *Are you interested in other sports than GAA and do you support a soccer team?*

Sadly I don't support a soccer team even though Tiarnán here beside me would kill me if I didn't say that Manchester United is pretty good. When I was younger I might have followed Liverpool a little but my Dad supported Man United. I always support Ireland, in the soccer, of course. Apart from GAA, I like cycling and skiing but I don't follow many sports, even though I keep my Dad company with all of the GAA matches.



### *Why did you choose to be a principal?*

Sometime I wonder! That's an interesting one. I suppose the job came up in the school and I love St Attracta's and I thought maybe I could make some little difference but I would have been very happy to stay a teacher. If I was never principal I still would have loved my teaching.

### *Are you fluent in any language other than Irish or English?*

I'd be able to get by best in German but in French and Italian I can ask for a cup of coffee and a bar of chocolate.

### *What year did this school open and what year did you join?*

The school opened in 1980 and I joined in 1981 and I have been here since which is a long, long time. Long before any of you were born.

### *Why did you pick the name The Buzzy Bee?*

I believe that I'm in quite a bit of trouble for picking The Buzzy Bee but I'll tell you why. I chose the name because it showed a little bit of creativity and originality and I said to myself, we're always buzzing around here and doing interesting things. We're busy like bees at times so I thought The Buzzy Bee sounded great.

By Colleen Duggan, Alex Hayden, Naoíse Proctor & Tiarnán O'Kelly

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## We Are an Active School

By Ale Kelly

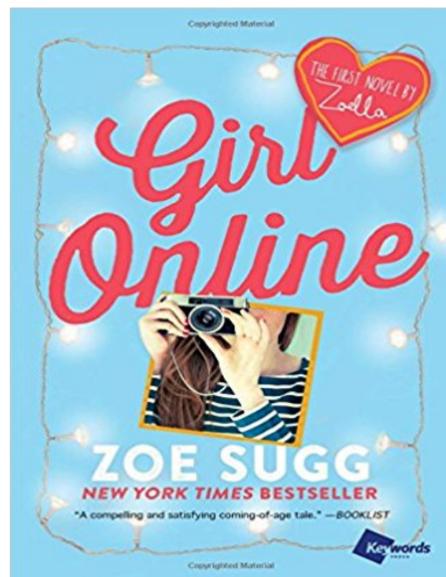
Hello reader, our school, St Attracta's, is a very active school as you already know. We have many sports teams in the older part of the school (5th and 6th). They include Olympic handball, soccer, Gaelic, hurling and now we have a running team.

The Olympic handball was organised by Mr Kenny, Ms O'Leary, Ms Healy and Ms Quaine. Mr Kenny's Boys Under 13s came 2nd in Dublin and 4th in Leinster. Ms O'Leary's Girls Under 13s came 4th in Dublin. Ms Healy's Girls Under 12s came 1st in Dublin and 2nd in Leinster. Finally, Ms Quaine's Under 12s Boys came 3rd in Dublin and 3rd in Leinster.

The boys and girls soccer teams have not yet had a match. The 6th class boys Gaelic team got to the quarter finals of a tournament. The hurling team has not been organised yet but will be soon. The running team have a 1km and 2km around St Enda's Park on the 15th of March.



Boys Under 13s Olympic handball team at the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown



## Book Review

by Lauren O'Reilly

One of my favourite books is Girl Online. It is written by Zoe Sugg.

It is about a girl named Penny who goes on tour with her rock-star boyfriend. She also struggles with anxiety. She loves art and writing in her journal. Penny has a very bubbly but shy personality. Her best friend is named Noah and they have known each other forever.

There are three books in the Girl Online series and they are all as good as each other. I give this book a ten out of ten and really recommend it.



## My Trip to the U.K.

By Louis Daoud Harnett

A few weeks ago I went to England with my soccer team Dundrum F.C. I had great fun. This is how it went...

On Saturday I woke up at 05:30 and got straight on the coach with my mum. It took us to the boat. We headed for Holyhead which is in Wales. After the bus ride from Holyhead we arrived at the Etihad stadium. We were there so see Man City v Leicester City. Man City won 5-1. The match was amazing. Agüero scored four goals. We then went to our hotel in Bolton.

On Sunday morning we had a five-a-side tournament between ourselves. After that some of us got a tour of Anfield. Finally that day we went to the Trafford Centre, an enormous shopping centre.

On Monday we got up early and went to Bolton Academy. The coaches there were really good and showed us all the tactics and skills. We then got back on the bus which took us to the boat so we could get back to Dublin.

My favourite thing I did was probably watch the match. I had a great time.

## Poetry Corner

### The Robin

by Lily Feely

I was in the park one day,  
The sky was dark, dull and grey,  
But then I saw your little face,  
And my gentle heart began to pace.

From that little patch of  
darkened shade,  
You did not seem at all afraid,  
Of me, even though I was so tall,  
I almost missed you, you were  
so small.

But then I saw you like a leaf but  
brighter,  
And my whole body began to  
feel lighter,  
I felt like I was flying in the  
clouds above with you,  
Floating up above the park, the  
sky a mighty blue.

But then you flew away from me  
and your red breast left my eye,  
Flying far away from me a small  
shape flying high,  
Goodbye Robin I said, I'm  
certain that you heard,  
But never in my life will I see  
such a beautiful bird.

### An Dán is Fearr Liom...

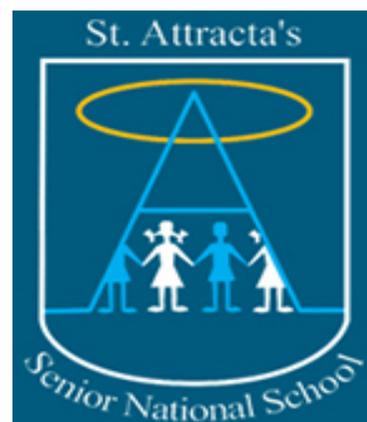
le Tracey Chen

#### Coinín na Cásca

Coinín na Cásca ina shuí,  
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Páipéar snasta dearg agus buí,  
Is ubh Chásca álainn faoi.

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**Recipe: Ten-Minute Chocolate Chip Cookies**  
By Brooke Moran

**Ingredients**

- 125g butter
- 100g caster sugar
- 75g light brown sugar
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 150g plain flour
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- 100g chocolate drops

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 190 °C.
  2. Gently melt the butter.
  3. Put both sugars into a bowl and pour in the melted butter and beat well with a wooden spoon.
  4. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract.
  5. Sieve the flour and baking powder into the bowl and stir it. Then add the chocolate drops.
  6. Dot dessert spoonful of the mixture onto 2 baking sheets. Leave a good 4cm in between each one.
  7. Place in oven and bake for 8-10 minutes until the cookies are turning pale golden brown.
  8. Remove and leave on tray for a few minutes.
  9. Cool on a wire rack.
- ENJOY!

**Harry Potter Quiz**  
by Laura Dunne

1. How many players are there on one Quidditch team?  
(a) 5 (b) 7 (c) 9
2. What is the Weasley's house called?  
(a) Private Drive (b) Godric's Hollow (c) The Burrows
3. How old is Harry when he starts school at Hogwarts?  
(a) 11 (b) 12 (c) 13
4. Where was Harry going to go to school before he knew he was going to Hogwarts?  
(a) Durmstrang (b) St. Brutes (c) Stonewall High
5. Who in Ron's family works with dragons?  
(a) Percy (b) Charlie (c) Mr Weasley
6. Who is Harry's Defence against the Dark Arts teacher in his 3rd year?  
(a) Lupin (b) Mad-Eye Moody (c) Umbridge

Answers: 1(b) 2(c) 3(a) 4(c) 5(b) 6(a)

**Calendar of Events**

- Maidin Caifé agus Córfhéile 21/03 @ 9.00a.m.
- The Way of the Cross 22/03 @ 11.00a.m.
- Seisiún Mór 22/03 @ 1.00p.m.
- Daffodil Day 23/03 @ 9.45a.m.
- Easter Holidays 23/03 @ 12 noon
- Back to School after Easter 09/04 @ 8.50a.m.
- World Book Day 23/04
- Confirmation Day 24/05 – School closed
- Open Day 31/05 1.30 – 3.30p.m.
- Meeting for New Parents 31/05 May @ 7.30p.m.
- School Tour – Rang 3, 4, 5 13/06
- School Sports Day 15/06
- School Tour – Rang 6 22/06
- St. Attracta's Summer Fair 17/06
- Summer Holidays Friday 29th June @ 12 noon

**Cool and Interesting Facts you Need to Know**  
By Katie Moran Tighe

The last man who walked on the moon promised his daughter to carve her initials into the moon and guess what... he did and they will probably be there for tens of thousands of years.

If you were to remove all of the empty space from the atoms that make up every human on earth, the entire population would fit into an apple.

The three wealthiest families in the world have more assets than the combined wealth of the 48 poorest countries.

A traffic jam once lasted more than 10 days, with cars only moving 0.6 miles a day.

A human will eat on average 7 assorted insects and 10 spiders while sleeping.

You are 1% shorter in the evening than you are in the morning.

Men are 6 times more likely to get struck by lightning than women.

French was the official language of England for more than 600 years.

The chance of you dying on the way to get a lottery ticket is greater than your chance of winning.

You are more likely to die of a falling coconut than a shark attack.

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**Leroy's Life** by Conall Coughlan

