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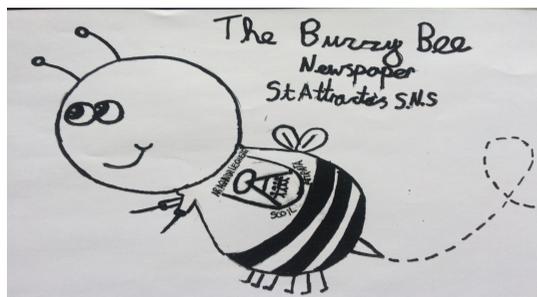
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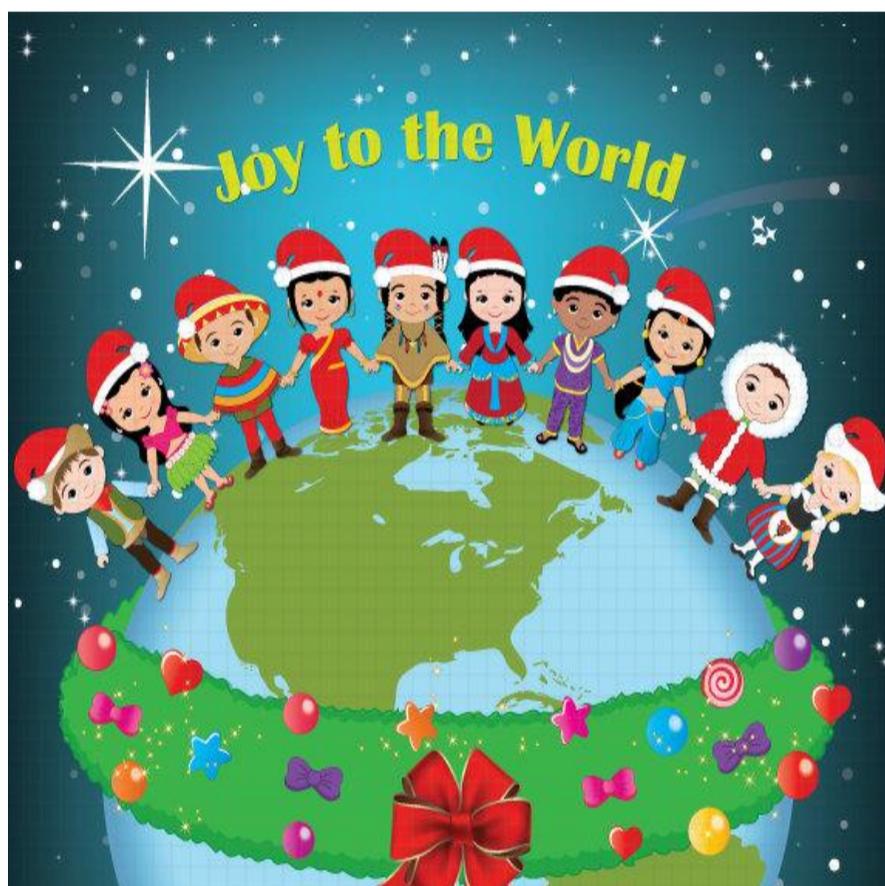
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Christmas Around the World



Christmas traditions around the world are very different. Here are some examples from children around our school:

In Ireland, our tradition is to buy a Christmas tree and decorate the house followed by a traditional Irish Christmas dinner. In Romania, on the 6th we put our shoes in the hallway and wait for Saint Nicholas to fill them up with sweets. In The Philippines from the 1st of December until Christmas Eve we go to mass every day from 5am to 8am. In New Zealand on Christmas Day we go to the beach and have a BBQ. In Australia we don't go to mass. In Spain, instead of Santa, the Wise Men come. In Poland, on Christmas Day we have no meat and share holy bread. When the first star appears Santa is there and when the second star appears Santa is gone! In Luxembourg there is a family tradition to walk with a candle and if it blows out you must stop and relight it in the dark. In Lithuania, Santa gets help from a little girl. In the Czech Republic Baby Jesus brings presents instead of Santa and we eat duck instead of turkey.

by Molly Boyle, Isabelle Martin, Eva Horkan Eustace, Phillipa McGlynn, Jane Gleeson and John Paul Shiels

Jack & Jill

Sixth class children are deciding on what children's charity to choose to donate our Confirmation money to. We looked up information on Jack & Jill – a fabulous charity that helps children and their families.

Jack and Jill Children's Foundation was set up in 1997 by Jonathon Irwin and his wife Mary Anne O'Brien in memory of their son Jack who suffered a brain trauma shortly after he was born. Baby Jack lived at home for 22 months and died on the 13th of December 1997. His parents vowed that no other family would have to walk this difficult care journey alone and the Jack & Jill Foundation became the pathway from hospital to homecare through Jack's legacy.

The Foundation gives these families the gift of time, time to do things that we take for granted like shopping, taking their other children to the park, a night's sleep etc...



The Jack & Jill Foundation offers care and support to children with severe neurological development issues up to the age of five. The children that the Jack and Jill Foundation support usually need intensive home nursing care due to their condition.

by Aisling Flynn



How to Knit a Wool Hat

By Laoise Barrett

Ms Miles' class have been knitting hats for the last few weeks. Here's how...

Materials:

- Size 4 knitting needles
- Double knit wool (colour is your own choice)
- Two cardboard rings
- Scissors

Pom Pom

1. Get two cardboard rings and wrap your wool around them both until you have a really thick layer.
2. Once you have that really thick layer, get your scissors and cut the wool.
3. Tie a piece of wool around it and knot it.
4. Take off the cardboard and put your pom pom aside.

Hat

1. Cast on 100 stitches.
2. For the 1st row knit across 2 plain and 2 pearl and repeat that pattern for 8 rows.
3. Once you have finished those 8 rows knit 10 more rows, 1 row plain, 1 row pearl. Note: if 10 rows is not enough, you can knit more.
4. Cast off all the stitches
5. Sew the two ends together but leave a space for the pom pom.
6. Sew the pom pom into the top to finish.



My Experience in St Attracta's

The experience that I have had was good because the people that work in the school are very nice.

I think that it is a very nice school. We do a lot of activities – we sing, we have fun outside playing football and handball or Hide and Seek. We go to church with other people and then we study. The time of lunch is very fun because we talk and we have fun.

I like to be in this school and I think that all the Spanish people or other people of other countries will be good and with no problem to make friends or something like that. You will have fun in this school meeting other people or students or teachers that are so nice and in my opinion you should go to Ireland and to St. Attracta's school.

By Alejo



Gaeilge Gach Áit

Dia Daoibh, is mise Emily. Táim i rang 6, Ms Healy agus táim ar an gcoiste Gaeilge.

An bhliain seo tá an choiste Gaeilge ag iarraidh Gaelbhrtach nua. Chun bratach nua a fháil ní mór dúinn rudaí a dhéanamh, mar shampla corpoideachas trí Ghaeilge. Beidh clár fógraí nua sa hala agus rachaidh beirt timpeall gach coicís chun obair Ghaeilge a bhailiú ó na múinteoirí go léir agus cuirfear suas iad ar an mballa Gaeilge. Beidh frásaí suas sa halla chun cabhrú leis an gcorpoideachas trí Ghaeilge.

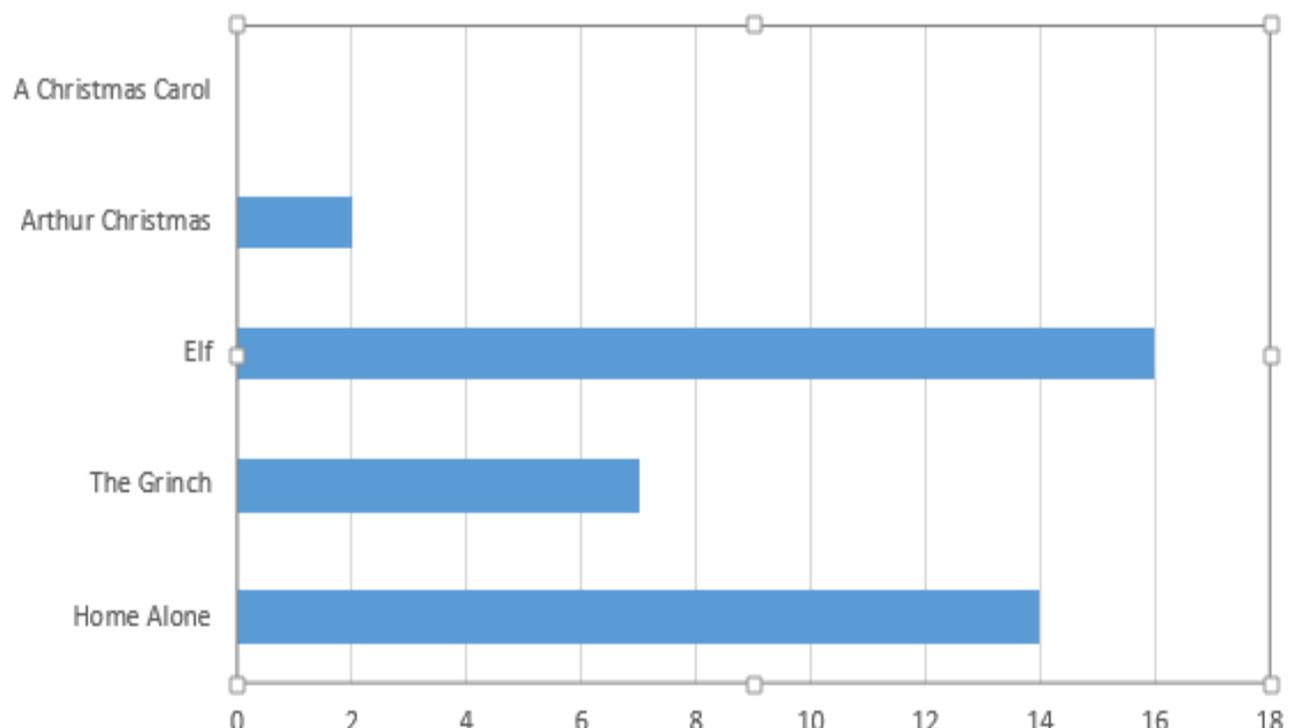
Cuimhní, is féidir leat Gaeilge a labhairt in áit ar bith, ní hamhain I do rang Gaeilge!

le Emily Sheehan

6th Class Survey

by Cillian Norris and Liam Hendrick

What is your favourite Christmas movie?





Monday

by Andrea Ghita

It's Monday morning, I'm dreading again,
The endless walk, with slow steps,
Up to the gate, where they await,
To kick, push, sneer, tease, call me names.

I see the gate so dreadfully near,
The crowds of pupils swarming,
I can see them,
Their stares like daggers,
Shooting into the back of my head.

I approach slowly, head bent low,
Hoping they wouldn't see me,
Knowing that they do.
I shuffle past the crowds, I walk to the yard.

I don't dare to look behind me,
I hope they aren't there,
In the distance I hear the bell,
I rush inside.
The teacher gives us lots of work,
Hours of endless writing,
But I'm thinking of something else,
Of them.

The bell rings once again,
I rush quickly home,
It's Monday evening, I'm dreading again,
The day that's going to follow.

JESUS

by Emily Waters

Joy filled the world
Everyone came to see
Son of God
Under the North Star
Soon to grow up to be Jesus Christ

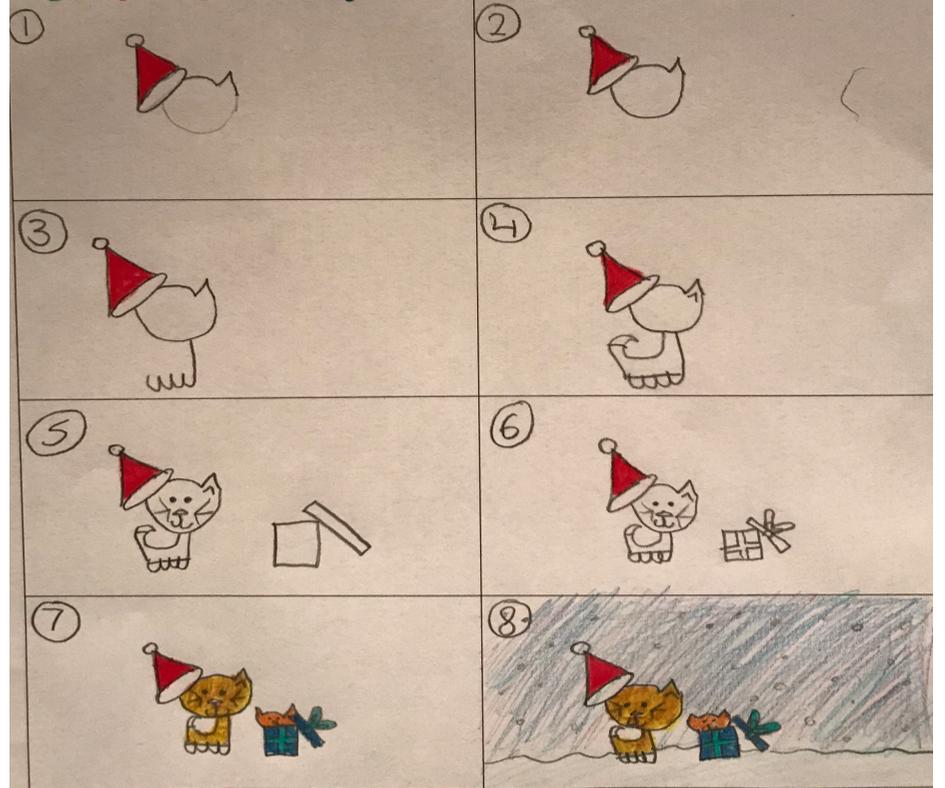


Christmas Spirit

by Aliya Kelly and Ava Bourke

The winter is here
It is very cold
Santa is coming through the snow
The dogs are barking at the Toy Show
My mum is making cake
And my tummy is starting to ache
The elves are hopping up and down
With tinsel swinging round and round

HOW TO DRAW A CHRISTMAS CAT!!



by Rachel Plant

Christmas Wordsearch by Sarah Appleby

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Write your word list here:

Santa	Christmas	tree	Jesus
star	presents	candy cane	tinsel
sleigh	reindeer	turkey	Mary
donkey	family	advent	baubles
ham	Rudolf	lights	happy



How to Make Peppermint Creams

Piping Hot Tea Central

by Jack Carr

What's the tea sis? Want to Know?

The simple thing about this recipe is that you don't have to bake it!!!

Don't worry gurl, we got you!

Ingredients:

- 450g of icing sugar
- 2 tablespoons of cream
- Peppermint essence
- 1 egg white

Okurrr!

Did you know that Roman didn't win I'm a Celebrity?

That's not it sis!

sips facts not tea

Method:

1. Sieve the icing sugar into a bowl.
2. Add the egg white and a little bit of cream.
3. Stir the mixture into a firm cream. You may have to add some more cream but not a lot.
4. Add a few drops of peppermint essence and stir it in.
5. Sprinkle some icing sugar on to a board (or worktop) and roll the paste.
6. Cut the roll into sweet shapes.
7. Put the sweets on a sweet rack and let them dry for 10 hours.
8. Your sweets are ready to eat!

Then Myles left before the top three!
NO NO NO Honey!!!

Did you know that Louis Walsh had to be paid a lot of money to do X Factor?
Looks like Simon is desperate!

Did you also know that Santa Claus is coming to town?
Ooooooooooooh!

That's all the tea for now. More to follow...

From your tea-spilling sisters
Sadie Rose O'Neill and Ella Keenan

1. Is sea salty because the land didn't wave back?
2. How come your nose runs but your feet smell?
3. How come your hands have fingertips but you don't have toe-tips but you can still stand on top-toe?
4. Why do we say the alarm went off when it actually went on?
5. What do we say boxing ring when it's actually a square?

by Róisín Wall



by Cathal Byrne, David Horkan Eustace and Rachel Plant

What does Santa say walking backwards?
Oh! Oh! Oh!

Did you hear about the kid napping?
He woke up.

Why is the turkey never hungry?
Because he's stuffed.

What do you call Santa on the beach?
Sandy Claus.

Famous Quotes

Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.
- Benjamin Franklin

We learn from failure not success.
- Bram Stoker

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future.
- J.R.R. Tolkien

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
Any YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...
- Dr. Seuss

by Beth Kellegher

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