

# Christmas Newsletter 2021

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SAVIOUR N.S.  
BALLINGARRY



# Welcome



- Christmas magic has arrived in Christ the Saviour N.S. We hope you enjoy reading this Christmas newsletter which provides a flavour of the many activities that have taken place since Halloween. Thanks to all our teachers who have contributed photographs and information about the fun learning activities going on in each classroom.

# Congrats to Ms Tangney



- The BOM, staff & pupils would like to extend a big congratulations to Ms Emma Tangney and her husband Jeremiah on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Muireann Hayes on the 2nd of December. We hope they have a really special first Christmas at home in Kerry with baby Muireann!

# News from Junior Infants

- On Monday 29th November, following the Toy Show, the Junior Infants received a special parcel from Dermot our postman. It was a letter with frozen box, all the way from the North Pole. When the ice melted we found Coco Stripy Sock, our elf sleeping inside. He has been up to lots of tricks since his arrival.







Junior Infants Visit to the Post Office to send our Christmas cards home to our family.



# News from Senior Infants: We have been busy creating some lovely winter art





# During Science week we had great fun doing some experiments with gummy bears and skittles!



Senior Infants enjoyed a trip to the Post Office to send Christmas cards home to their families.







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## News from 1<sup>st</sup> class

**We are loving Dabledoo Music Programme in our classroom. We made our own musical instruments, composed pieces in our pods and performed them for our class!**





# Christmas Art

We really enjoyed making our nativity cribs and we are becoming great designers in First Class!



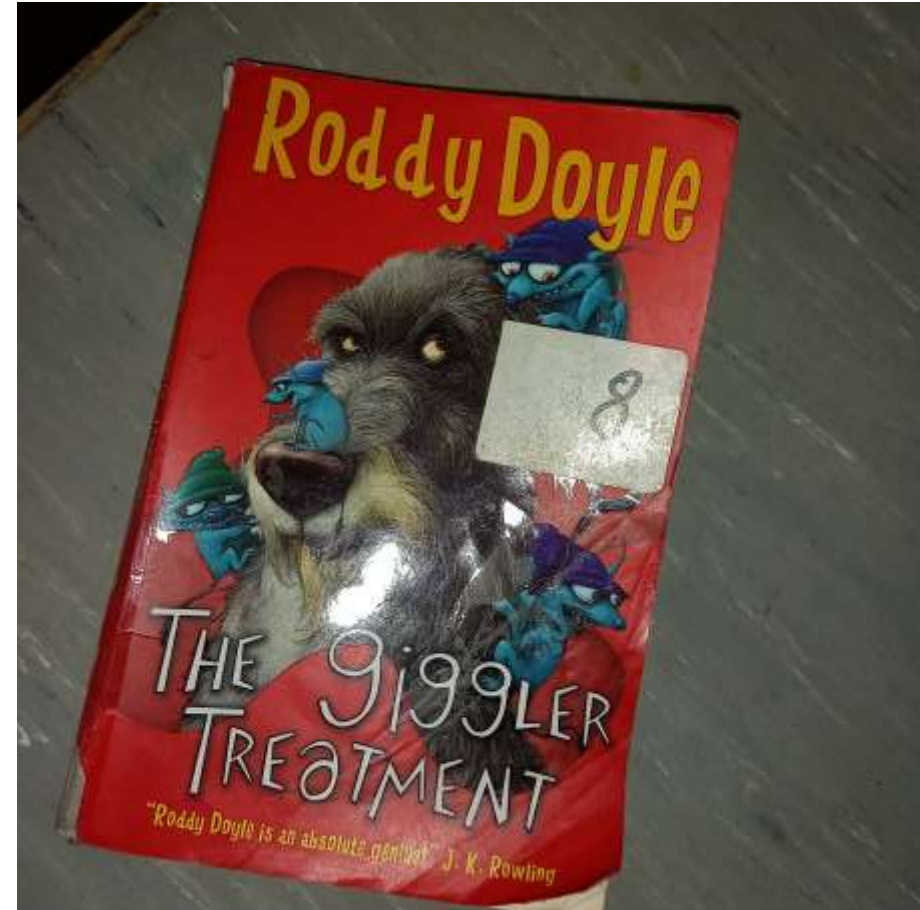


# Christmas Fun Day in 1st class



# News from 2<sup>nd</sup> class

- We have just finished reading the novel "The Giggler Treatment" by Roddy Doyle.
- It is so funny.
- Definitely DO NOT read it if you don't like reading about POO!!
- We used our comprehension strategies to help us dig deeper and understand the book.





# 2nd Class



- In History we learned about schools in the past.
- We used a website called <https://www.duchas.ie/en> to read information written by boys and girls in Ballingarry schools in 1939.
- We interviewed our parents and grandparents about their school days. It was so interesting!

# 2nd Class

- BHÍOMAR AG STAIDÉAR BIA AS GAEILGE



- RINNEAMAR DRÁMAÍ BEAG DAR TEIDEAL "A N BIALANN".
- BHÍ AN-SPÓRT AGAINN.





# News from 3<sup>rd</sup> class



We have spent some time recently taking part in Guided Meditation breaks. We felt calm and relaxed after it. It also increased our concentration.

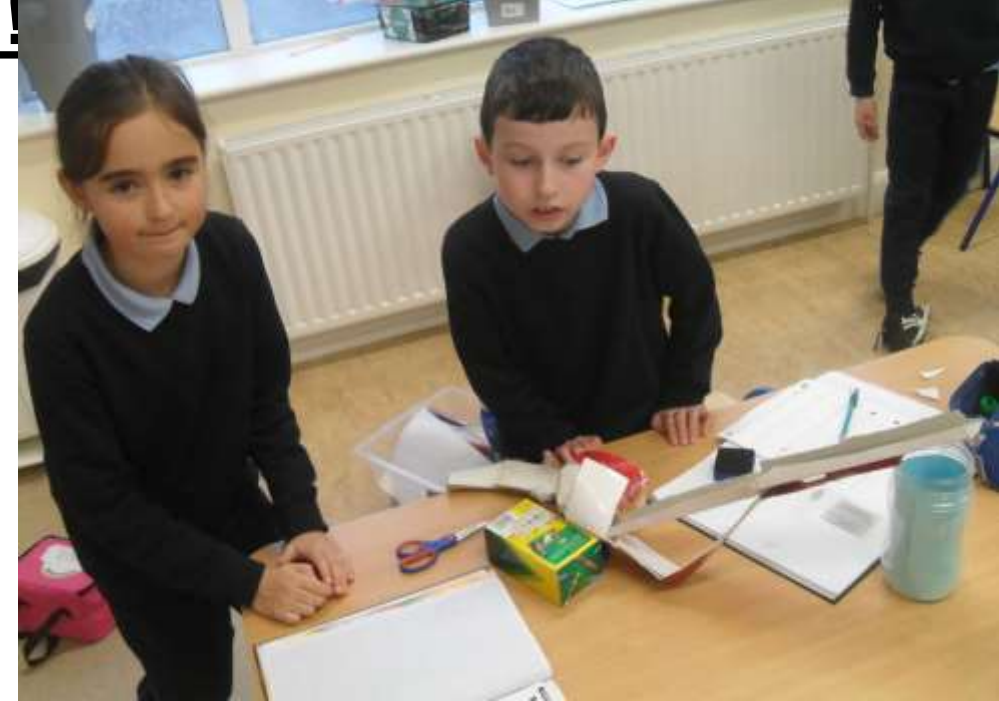
# Tin foil art sculptures







**We made**  
**rollercoasters!**



# County projects

- We learnt all about Ireland for the month of November. We worked in groups of 2's. We researched a county under headings such as geography/physical features, tourist attractions, history of the county and why you should visit our county. We designed a brochure for our county and presented it to the class.







3rd class on their Christmas Fun Day with Ms Shelton



# News from 4<sup>th</sup> class

- We have been busy completing projects. We have learnt all about the planets and rivers of the world. We worked hard in our groups and presented the projects to our classmates.





# Science Week in 4th Class

- During science week we completed some experiments. First, we looked at the bacteria that lives on our hands and the effects that washing with and without soap can have. Take a look at the before and after pictures. Can you tell which pod washed their hands the best?



**Before**



**After**



# Science Week in 4th Class

- We also tried adding milk to coke.
- Take a look at the results
- Do you think you would drink this?





# 4th Class Winter Art

- 4th Class have completed some lovely winter art. We experimented with mixing paint and blending our colours and we learnt the art of perspective drawing.







# Christmas Fun Day in 4th class





# News from 5<sup>th</sup> class

5th class were busy creating Christmas decorations for their classroom & getting in the Christmas spirit





Some other shots of us creating  
Christmas trees exploring tessellation of  
2D shapes



# Rugby & Hockey

- This term 5th class were busy learning all about the rules and skills associated with rugby and hockey. There are definitely some bright stars amongst our class*



# Active Schools

- This term 5th class enjoyed a series of Active Schools challenges every day. 5th class engaged in squat, plank, push up and wall sit challenges and really pushed themselves.*



*Here is a picture of one of our class members encouraging his peers to keep going.*



# Drama



- 5th class have been enjoying taking part in a series of games aimed at exploring a variety of dramatic skills. This game called Killers is a class favourite and involves a lot of concentration. Check us out in action.



# Junior Entrepreneur Programme

## Exciting news from 5th class

*This term 5th class began their journey to become entrepreneurs. We learned all about what it takes to set up a business. There is some definite budding entrepreneurs amongst us. Watch this space.*





# News from 6<sup>th</sup> class

6th class have been practicing a type of art called 'pointillism'. It takes lots of patience! We each were given our own piece of a painting by the French artist A Sunny Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte by Georges Seurat.



# Italy

6th Class have been learning lots about Italy. They made booklets on different regions throughout the country. We think the finished booklets looked very professional!





# News from the Garden

- 6th class feel very lucky to have the bird feeders outside their classroom windows. We have seen lots of beautiful birds sampling all the feed we have left them and can confidently say the 'fat balls' are their favourite.
- Dylan has been a great bird photographer for us in the classroom.



# Planting

- With the help of our visitor Vincent, we finished off planting spring bulbs. Watch out in Spring for the daffodils at the front of the school and a mixture of beautiful flowers around the willow house.







# Cooking demonstration in rang a sé

6th class were treated to a cooking demonstration by their classmate Lucy Quaid and Roisín Hickey from 3rd class. The girls planned the recipe and prepared the ingredients beforehand with Ms Hanley. They were so kind to let the class have a taste. Unfortunately, there was none left for Ms Cleary to sample!



# Sporting Achievements

- Congratulations to Annabel Mulcaire-Quille who got to the final of the Gaynor cup with her team, Limerick Desmond U13 girls.



# Parents' Council News

- Happy Christmas to all our pupils, staff and parents/guardians of Christ the Saviour School from the Parents' Council.
- Our Clothes Drive in November was another resounding success earning us €660. Thank you to everyone who contributed their bags of clothes, and especially to all the parents who volunteered their time to assist in bag collection and the all important loading of the van. We certainly got a work out lifting all the bags to fill the van but as the saying goes “many hands make light work”.
- We were delighted to receive photographs from Mrs Cleary showing our Junior and Senior infant pupils getting joy out of the new Aistear resources that our fund raising efforts financed. There will be new PE equipment purchased in the New Year which will benefit all the pupils in the School.
- We have exciting and fun plans for further fund raising in the Spring. We will do this in conjunction with the Staff of the School so watch this space.
- We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Christmas break and that we will all be back to school in the New Year.
- Nollaig shona daoibh go leir,
- Aisling Relihan (Secretary/PRO).

# Christmas Fun Day

- On Friday 17th December, the boys and girls enjoyed a Christmas Fun Day. Pupils wore their Christmas pyjamas and Christmas jumpers and they got to enjoy a Christmas Bootcamp, Chocolate Treasure Hunts, Christmas Bingo and Christmas Art & Craft activities. A big thank you to Kate and Mrs Cleary who visited each classroom with yummy hot chocolate as pupils enjoyed a Christmas movie.



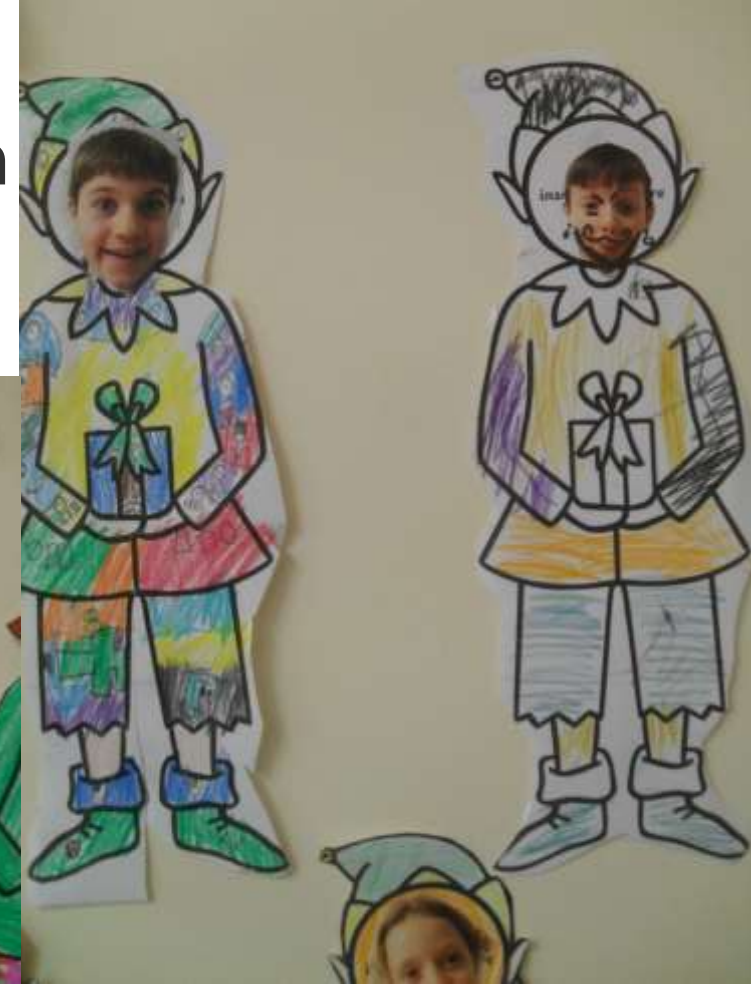




5th & 6th class entertain parents at Infant home time with festive Christmas carols. Thanks to Mr Flynn and Ms O'Sullivan for preparing the lovely singing.



Freddie the elf in 3rd class surprised 3rd class with an 'elf yourself' art lesson: can you recognise us??





# Christmas Baking

- Lucy & Roisin created this very simple "Chocolate Christmas Pudding" recipe with Ms Hanley. They were delicious!!

## Ingredients:

- Tea Cakes
- Melted white chocolate
- Green icing for holly leaves
- Red icing for holly berries



# Christmas Fun Day: Fitness Bootcamp





# PJ's and Hot Chocolate





# Active School Flag update

- For the month of November, every class took part in the 'Active Breaks every day challenge'. During this time, each class took part in a variety of movement breaks/ mask breaks. Some of the movement breaks included just dance, go noodle, bizzy breaks, meditation, yoga and fitness workouts. We went outside for movement breaks too playing games or running. We enjoyed all the different movement breaks. Take a look at some of the different movement breaks we enjoyed.

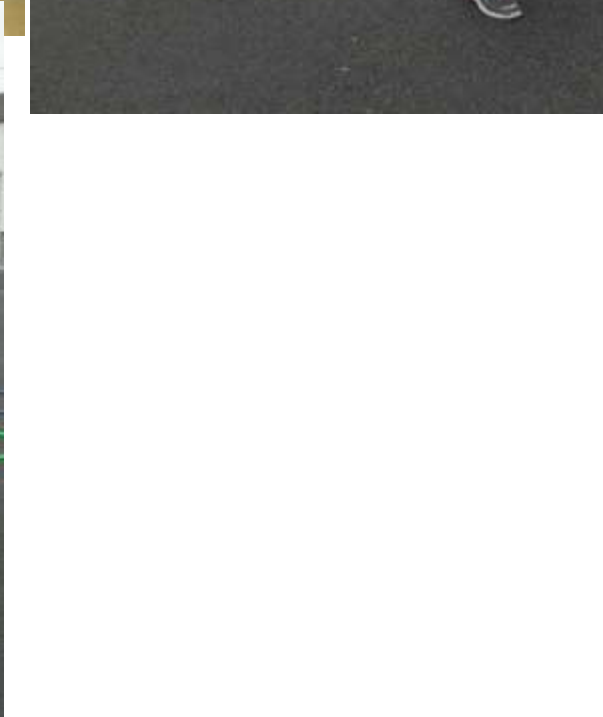
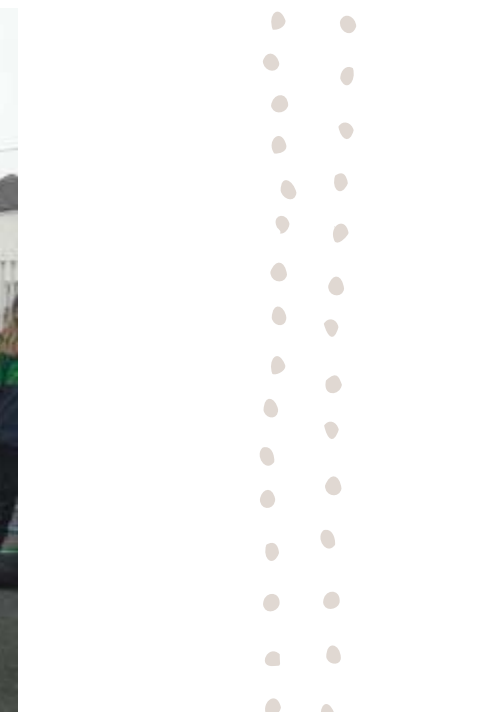


- **REMEMBER TO KEEP ACTIVE EVERY DAY!!!**











# An Bosca Leabharlainne



- Our school applied for, and have been successful in getting, a set of 25 original works of fiction in Irish.
- We are one of only 1,125 school to receive these books.
- These were handpicked by Áine Ní Ghlinn, Laureate na nÓg.
- Áine's aim is to promote reading for pleasure as Gaeilge.
- The books will arrive in spring time

# Covid - 19

Sincere thanks to our parents, pupils and staff for their continued compliance with Covid-19 regulations.

It is certainly a challenging time for all of us and our first priority is the safety and health of our pupils and staff. We hope all our families have a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

Here are some of the measures that are in place to keep our pupils and staff safe:

All classrooms have CO2 monitors installed to ensure there is appropriate ventilation in classrooms at all times.

Pupils are given time to wash hands regularly , sanitise and desks are wiped down.

HEPA filters will be installed in all 8 classrooms in the New Year.



# Colours Day Wednesday 22nd December in aid of Ballingary Park & Playground

- On the day of our Christmas holidays, our Colours Day is in aid of Ballingarry Park & Playground. An e-payment link has been set up on Aladdin.
- We are very lucky to have such wonderful facilities in our locality. Junior and Senior Infants have their Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park every June. Classes love to visit the park for nature and mini-beast hunts and always visit the playground as a treat before returning to class.
- We hope the funds raised from the Colours Day will help to further enhance the park & playground.

# A Christmas Blessing

- May all the days of all the years that God has still in store
- Be filled with every joy and grace to bless you more and more;
- May hope of heart and peace of mind beside you ever stay,
- And that's the golden wish I have for you, this Christmas Day!



**We hope all our pupils and their families have a wonderful Christmas holiday.  
Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Leir.**