



**RETNS**

# **Kids' Newsletter**

**Christmas Edition 2017**

**December 2017**

## **Welcome to the RETNS Kids' Newsletter!**

Earlier this term, the Student Council came up with the idea of publishing a regular kids' newsletter. We went around to all of the classes and got some great suggestions from you all about the type of things that you want to read about, and we really hope that you enjoy our first edition!

Every term, we will be bringing you the latest news, fun and entertainment from around the school! If you have any jokes, recipes, puzzles or artwork that you would like to be included in our next edition, please give it to your class Student Council representative.

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**Christmas  
Jokes to make  
you LOL!**  
Compiled by Toby,  
Bill and George

What does Santa suffer from when he gets stuck in the chimney?

**Claustrophobia!**

Why does Santa go down the chimney?

Because it **soots** him!

Who is Santa's favourite singer?

**Elf-is presley!**

What do elves eat for breakfast?

**Snow flakes!**

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

**Jungle Bells!**

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

**A Christmas quack-er!**

**Continued on**

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

**Brrr!** Wow it's getting cold, like really **COLD.**

So what **warms** your heart more than checking out what's going on at R.E.T.N.S!



Winter fest:

Cool, fun and hart-warming

The exact words I'd use for this year's winter fest show.

"What is this year's show?" You say well it's.....

**PETER PAN!!!!!!**

Come parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and for a laugh the kitchen sink, for this is the first year that winter fest is on for

**2 nights only!! 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of December.**

### Winter fair:

This year R.E.T.N.S has put a spin on the Christmas holidays for they have done the first ever winter fair. The winter fair had crafters, local artist, food, games and much more. So congratulations to all parents, crafters and everyone else who committed their time and effort to the craft fair.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!**

-Lucy Mae Lloyd - 5<sup>th</sup> class 04/12/17



# Winterfest

This year for Winterfest we are doing.... **PETER PAN!!!**

## In 6<sup>th</sup> class

Peter Pan-Toby

Wendy-Lola

Captain Hook-Eibhlín

Tinkerbell-Rhian

Nana-Lauren

## In 4<sup>th</sup> class

Peter Pan-Liam

Wendy-Gráinne

## In 2<sup>nd</sup> class

Captain Hook-Rebecca.

Smee-Nicholas.

## Senior Infants

John-Lorcan.

Tinker bell-Simone

## In 5th class

Peter Pan-

Kaitlyn

Wendy-Ruby

Tinkerbell-

Sabine

## In 3<sup>rd</sup> class

Peter Pan-Jack

Wendy-Hannah

## In 1<sup>st</sup> class

They are all

**CROCODILES!**

## Junior infants

Micheal-Morgan

Faye -Nana



## **Sneak peek!!**

We got a chance to see the infants practicing their scene. They are doing the first scene "The Nursery". So far the infants are working on how to get on and off the stage quickly and quietly.

Now that they are on the stage they are practicing their lines! The fairies are practicing their very cute poem. "Believe in fairies". They are also singing their lovely song "Oh so quiet", and they are having a dance party to Shake it Off! **Great dancing skills!**

**AMAZING INFANTS**

By Kaitlyn and Eve



## More Christmas Jokes!

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What do you get when you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsel-it is!  
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Wat do you call elves who sing?

Wrappers!  
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What do elves learn in school?

The **elf**abet!!  
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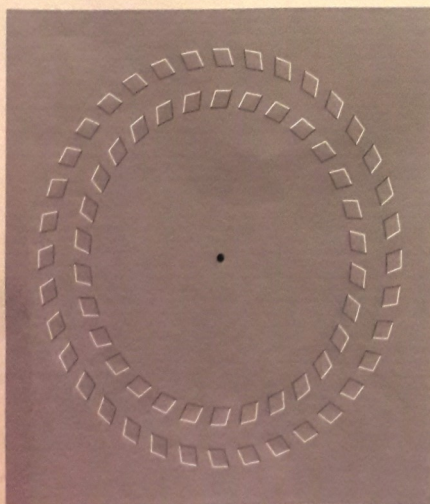
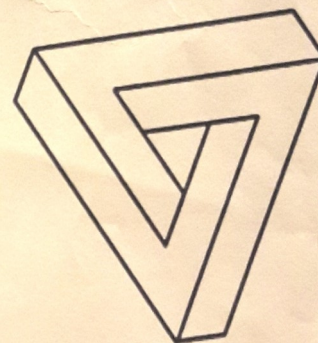


## World of Optical Illusions

These are only three of the millions of optical illusions

Can you see both the old lady and the young woman in this image?

Can you figure out how to draw the endless triangle?



Rotating Rings

Stare at the dot in the centre and move your head towards the page. The circles will move one way. Move your head back and the circles will move in the opposite direction.

Thanks to Jack (3rd Class) for these great optical illusions!



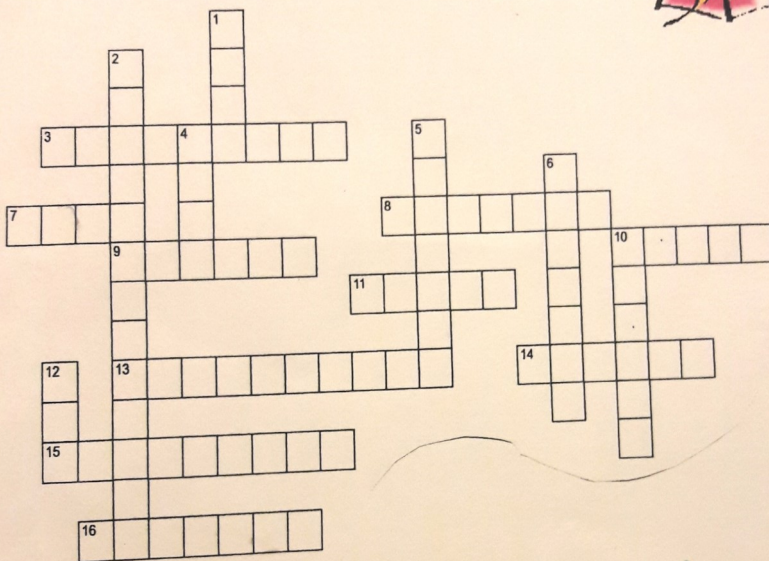
## Puzzle Page!

What goes around and around the wood but never goes into the wood?

The bark on a tree!!

2 mothers and 2 daughters ordered an ice cream and every one ate 1 ice cream. Only 3 were eaten though. How?

They was a granny, a mother and a daughter!!



Christmas  
Crossword!

### ACROSS

- 3 What am I writing this crossword about?!
- 7 Something you play with
- 8 A traditional dessert
- 9 Meat traditionally ate around Christmas
- 10 A small treat you eat
- 11 Christmassy plant
- 13 Person who delivers gifts
- 14 I spend Christmas with my \_\_\_\_
- 15 Hang your stockings here
- 16 I am in a \_\_\_\_ mood

### DOWN

- 1 Present
- 2 You put your presents under this
- 4 Put on top of your tree
- 5 Decorate your tree with these
- 6 Make this out of snow

10 Santa rides in this  
12 \_\_\_\_ make your toys



## Jude's Festive

### Favourites

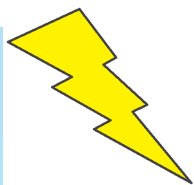
#### Favourite Christmas Films

- ◆ Santa Claus The Movie 1
- ◆ Santa Claus The Movie 2
- ◆ Santa Claus The Movie 3
- ◆ Elf
- ◆ Arthur Christmas

#### Favourite Christmas Songs

- ◆ All I Want For Christmas is You
- ◆ I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
- ◆ Grandma Got Runover by a Reindeer
- ◆ Happy Christmas - War is Over
- ◆ Merry Christmas Everyone

Thanks to Laoise (4th Class) for these puzzles!



## How to make Little Lightning.

Little lightning can be made by creating static electricity. Static electricity is when you have an unbalanced electrical charge on the surface or inside an object. The static charge will stay until you discharge it... with a little lightning bolt.

**Materials:** Sticky tape Scissors Polystyrene Aluminium foil dish

### Instructions:

1. Depending on how old you are, ask an adult to cut a small piece off your polystyrene block. This will become the handle of your foil dish.
2. Use sticky tape to attach the handle to the middle of your foil dish.
3. Rub the remaining polystyrene block on your hair until your hair is being attracted to it. You have just transferred the weakly bound electrons from your hair into the polystyrene block and now it is slightly negatively charged.
4. Place your polystyrene block on the table, rubbed side facing upwards.
5. Lift your foil dish up by the handle that you made out of some of your polystyrene earlier.. Hold it about 50 cm above the rest of your polystyrene block and let it drop onto it.
6. Now, slowly touch the foil dish with your finger. Did you feel it ? Some of the free electron in the metal tray tried to get as far away from the electrons on the polystyrene block as possible. The easiest way was straight through your finger!
7. Now lift up the foil dish by the handle again. Touch the tray again. This time, it is relatively positively charged. It needs more electrons to become neutral again so it attracts them from your hand and you get another static shock!
8. Repeat the process. If it runs out, you can rub the polystyrene block on your hair again to create more static.
9. Now try it in the dark-can you see your lightning? If you like, you can try film it and send a clip to the kidsblog? They would love to see it!
- 10.

### **CAUTION!!!**

*Do not use glue as it may cause the polystyrene to break down and holy cow, it smells!*

*Always use the handle to move the foil dish, do not touch the tray with your fingers unless doing the experiment properly. The aluminum contains free electrons [negative charge] which will flow away from anything that has a negative charge.*

By Abbie O'Neill (information source: Aquila science magazine November issue)

# TOP 5 THINGS TO KEEP YOU COSY THIS WINTER!!!!!!

- 1. Make sure to stock up on hot chocolate ingredients!*
- 2. You`ll need to get a few pairs of fluffy sock to get through this winter!*
- 3. Get a onesie because you`ll be spending a lot of time in it!*
- 4. Scented smelling candles are a must-have!*
- 5. A good quality hot water bottle will keep your feet toasty!*



by Ruby and Tori 5<sup>th</sup>



# Let's Make...

## Choco chip cookies!!!

**Cooking time:** 12-15 minutes

**Makes:** 10 cookies

**Ingredients:**

- 100g butter at room temperature
- 50g caster sugar
- 150g self-raising flour
- 50g milk chocolate, chopped

**Equipment:**

- electric mixer/ wooden spoon
- 2 baking trays
- mixing bowl
- tablespoon
- pot stand
- wire tray

**Prep:**

Preheat oven to 170°C/ Fan 160°C/ Gas Mark 4.  
Gather equipment, collect/ weigh ingredients, set table.

**Steps:**

1. Grease baking tins if not non-stick.
2. Beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Stir in flour and chocolate. Knead with the hands to form a smooth dough.
3. Divide mixture into even-sized balls. Place apart on baking tins and flatten well with the back of a tablespoon.
4. Cook for 12-15 minutes until evenly browned. Cool a little and then lift off and cool on a wire tray.



# Enjoy!!!

Store whatever is left in an airtight container!

By Daisy Tammemägi 5<sup>th</sup> class



## Chocolate cupcakes (no frosting)

What you will need:

1c flour

2T cocoa

2/3c Sugar

1/4t Salt

1/3t baking Soda

2T oil

1T white vinegar

2/3c cold water or coffee

1t Vanilla

C = Cup

t = teaspoon

T = Tablespoon

\*If you want to make Vanilla cupcakes just change your cocoa to flour and instead of 2T cocoa do 2T flour extra

## Instructions:

put all the dry ingredients into a bowl then put all the wet in another bowl then mix them together, then stir. after you do this put the mixture in to a cupcake pan. Bake at 170°C for about 15 mins.

Makes 9 cupcakes!



# What is happening in the North



## Pole?

4/12/17

### Monday

Today at the North Pole the Elves were working on the toys. Santa was going to pick an elf to go with him on his big journey around the world but the elves where not going to know who got picked until Wednesday.

5/12/17

### Tuesday

Today Mrs Claus was taking over the kitchen she ordered everyone out because she was making gingerbread cookies with her secret recipe. Even Santa doesn't know it.

6/12/17

### Wednesday

Today was a big day for the Elves because Santa was going to pick an Elf for his big journey around the world. They had to answer some questions about the location of some of the countries. Elf Norman was quite sure that American was beside Ireland. So Santa decided that Norman would be best to work at home. And the winner is Evie.

7/12/17

### Thursday

Today everyone was celebrating Evie's win. They ate the cookies that Mrs Claus made and no wonder it was a secret recipe..... they were delicious!

Over and out from the North Pole!

By elf Leo in 6th Class



***Welcome to the interview page! in this edition of the school newsletter we interviewed Ronan, the 6th Class teacher.***

**Q 1. What do you spend your time outside of school doing?/What are your hobbies?**

**A:** Well I play soccer 3 times a week, for Terenure college FC. I also play golf at Stackstown golf club. I enter golf competitions. The last golf open I played was back in November against the other members of the club and came in the top 10 against 50 people.

**Q 2. How different do you find the school routine with Winterfest practice?**

**A:** It's very different because lots of time is used but its good to see everyone's talents!!!! Everybody is really excited for the big performances.

**Q 3. How different do you find school in Ireland compared to Dubai?**

**A:** Well, in Dubai school starts at 7am and the drive is 40 minutes to the school but it is cool because you drive through camel farms and deserts. It is much hotter in Dubai as well. School ends at 1pm in Dubai to avoid the hottest part of the day. School is 6 hours but it finishes much earlier and leaves more of the day to relax. There was no after school activities because of the heat.

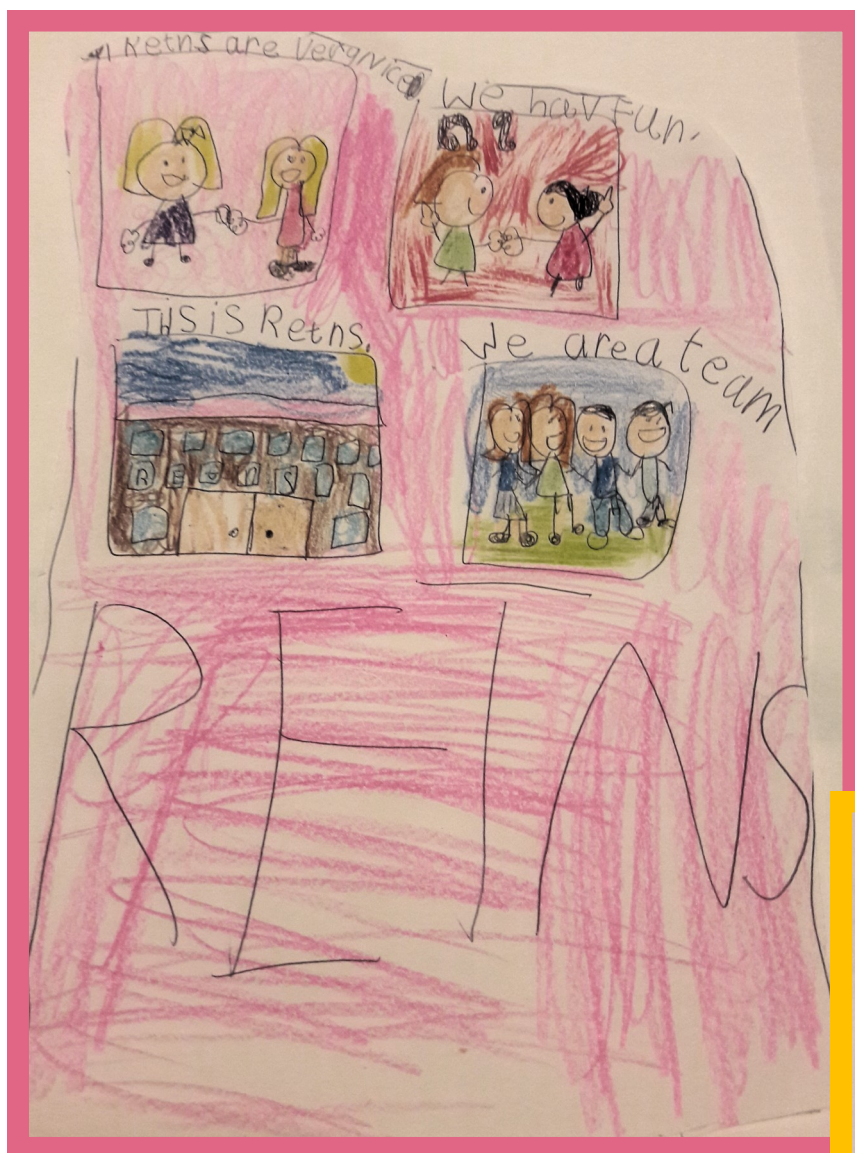
**Well that's our interview hope you enjoyed reading a little bit about Ronan's life. Be sure to read everything else in the Newsletter!!**

**BYYYYEEEEEE :)**

**By Caoimhe and Lola, 6th Class**



# Art Attack!



Thanks to Anna—Mae  
in 1st Class for these  
great drawings!

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the new Kids' Newsletter! To be in with a chance of appearing in our spring edition, please give your article to the Student Council representative for your class, and don't forget to label it with your name and class.

Have a lovely winter break everybody, see you in 2018!

