

RETNS

Kids' Newsletter

Winter Edition



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Welcome to the RETNS Kids' Newsletter!

Earlier this term, the new Student Council were elected by their classmates, and have been working hard ever since! We have some great ideas for 2019, and are really looking forward to getting stuck into organizing things like new yard boxes and the Talent Show next term!

At the start of December, we surveyed all of the classes about the Kids' Newsletter and were delighted with the response we got, which showed that most children in the school want the newsletter to continue, and have eagerly been submitting great material! So due to popular demand, we will be bringing you the latest news, fun, talent and entertainment from around the school at the end of every term! If you would like the chance to be included in the next edition, you are welcome to give any jokes, recipes, puzzles or artwork to your class Student Council representative.

**Christmas
Jokes to make
you LOL!**
Compiled by Izzy
Lenon

What did the
stamp say to the
card?

Stick with me and
we'll go places!

What to the rein-
deer sing to San-
ta on his birth-
day?

Freeze a Jolly
Good Fellow!

Who is Santa's
favourite singer?

Elf-is presley!

How do you know
Santa is good at
karate?

Because he has a
black belt!!

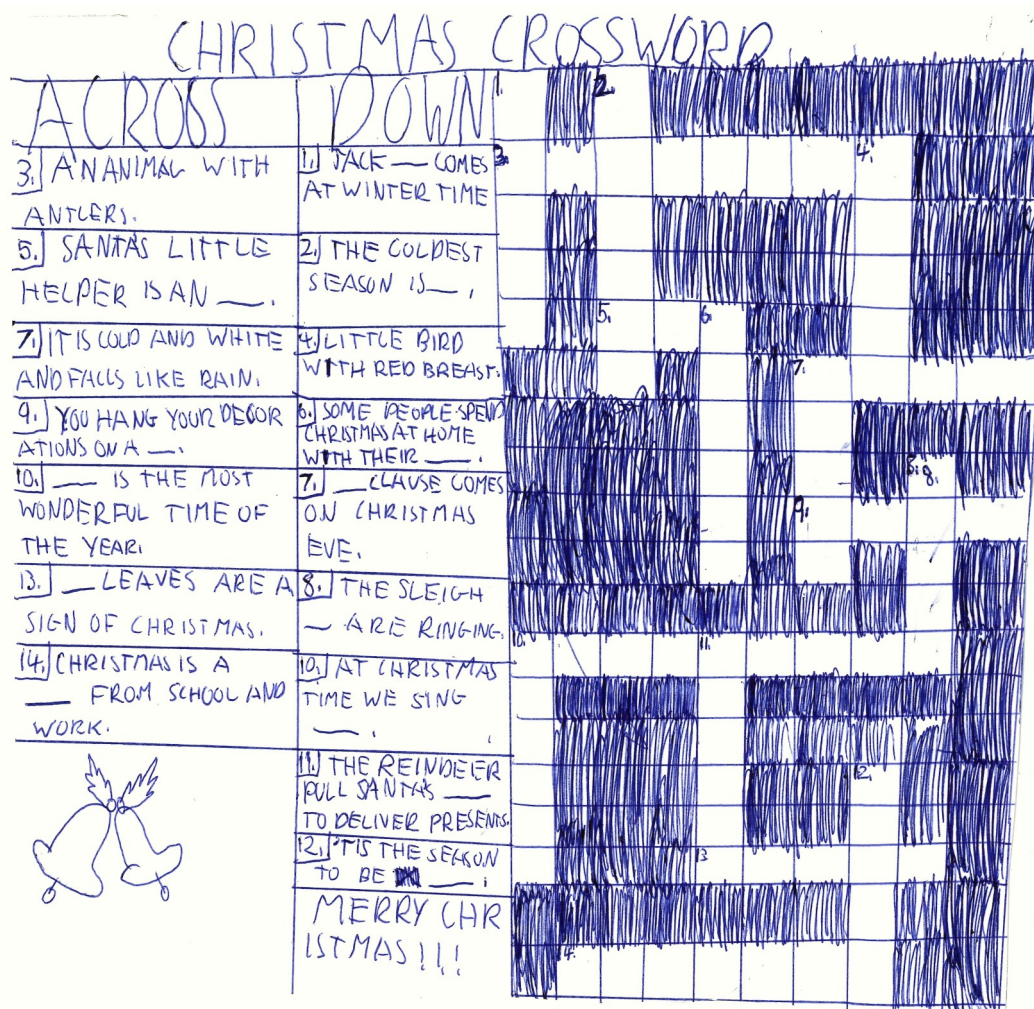
What goes up and
is white?

A confused snow-
flake!

What do you call
an eskimo's cow?

An eskimoo!

**Continued on
page 4!**



Answers on the last page!



Christmas Cookies

by Sinead + Annie

Ingredients

100g butter

100g sugar

100g self-raising flour

1 egg

For icing

Icing sugar

A little bit of water

Half a lemon zest and juice

Food colouring (optional)



Cookie method

1. Mix all ingredients together
2. Line the baking tray
3. Spoon the mixture onto the tray
4. Bake at 180 C for 10 to 12 min
5. Mix all icing things together (sieve icing sugar) until smooth. If you want it to look fancy use an icing bag and sweets (chocolate buttons look cool!)
6. Then decorate with icing and sprinkles
7. Then EAT!!!

Fun Facts About the Teachers!!!

By Ruairí Doyle 5th Class

We will start with Darren Hilliard.

The older classes might know that Darren was a teacher in the school before he went off to Thailand for 2 and a half years. He came back to Ireland for a few months before coming back to the school to teach us at the end of 3rd class. We were lucky to have Darren teach us again in 4th Class.

He also plays football for St.Mary's Sandyford and is the centre back for them.

Next our new principal Maeve McCarthy.

When Maeve was a student she worked in a pickle factory in Hamburg, Germany.

Before she came to our school she was a teacher at St.Pius G.N.S. Terenure and worked in Ballymun.

She also taught in Bhutan, Tanzania and England.

We are lucky that Maeve has come to Rathfarnham now.

Now Carol Norton.

Well before Carol came to the school she worked in lots of different jobs, precisely 23 jobs including offices, hotels, restaurants, IMMA and MFA Boston!

When Carol was younger she did hockey and dancing.

Carol has taught us twice and any class that has her as a teacher are a lucky class.

Finally our teacher Anna O'Herlihy.

Before Anna was a teacher she worked in a bakery, a jewellers and the Hard Rock Café, San Francisco.

She has one brother and one sister.

She came to the school in 2005 and the first class she taught was 5th class and the class she has taught the most is also 5th class including us. So far she has been a great teacher.

GUESS the Player

(Football)

by George
4th

Date of Birth: 10.1.5.94	First cap: Oct 2017, home for Ireland, against Moldova
Age: 24	Club: Preston North End
From: Ireland	Position: Forward

Date of Birth: 28.6.93	First cap: unknown for England: 35 overall though
Age: 25	Club: Spurs
From: England	Position: Forward

date of birth: 26.12.86	First cap: Nov 10, away for France, against England
Age: 31	Club: Spurs
From: France	Position: Goalie

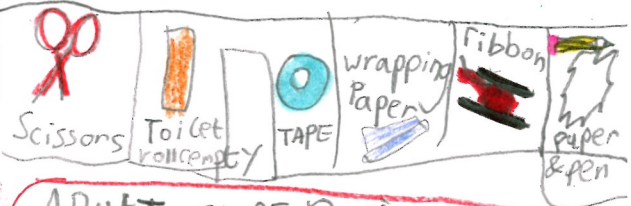


3. Hugo Lloris
2. Harry Kane
1. Sean Maguire
It was a coincidence 2/3 played for Spurs. I don't support them

by caorlthionn walsh 2nd class

HOW TO MAKE A X-MAS CRACKER

You will need:



ADULT SUPERVISION
REQUIRED

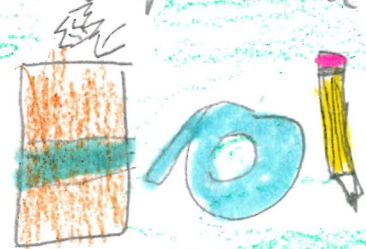
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by me



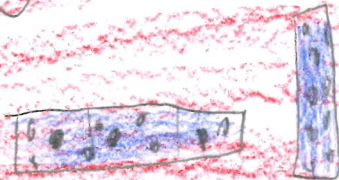
1 Cut the toilet roll in
half.



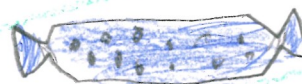
2 Tape the toilet roll together
write a joke & put inside



3 wrap the toilet roll in
wrapping paper



4 Pinch the ends and twist
them.



5 tie with ribbon.



6 open with friends!



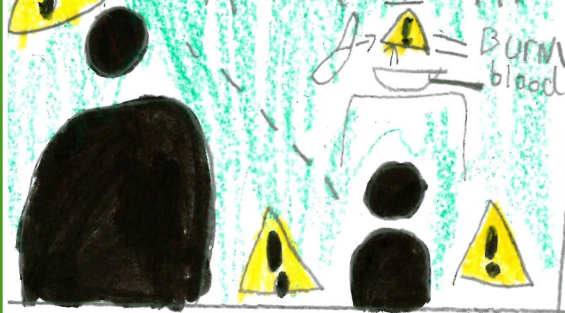
HOW TO MAKE X-MAS FUDGE



YOU will need:

- 110g unsalted butter
- 120g double cream
- 390g caster sugar
- 140g Mini Marshmallows
- 125g white chocolate chips
- sprinkles
- food dye (red & green for x-mas)

ADULTS
REQUIRED



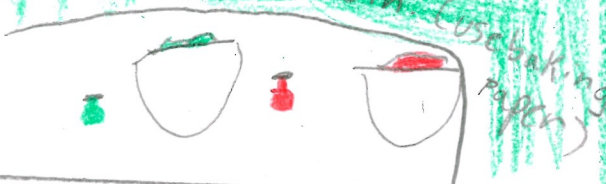
1. put butter, cream & sugar in a large saucepan on low heat and stir occasionally. When it bubbles stir for four min.



2 Take the pan off heat add marshmallows and white chocolate chips. Stir so everything is mixed in.



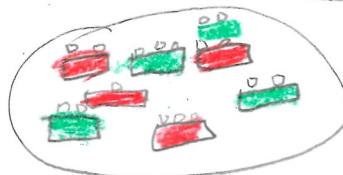
3 scoop the mixture into 2 bowls and add food colouring. pour into a deep lined tin (use baking paper)



4 cover with sprinkles & marshmallows and press in. Then leave for an hour at room temperature. Then put in the fridge for 1 hour.



YUM YUM! take your delish treat out of the fidge & cut up. ENJOY!



Caoilfhionn

The Haunted Doll of Bridge Manor

One Monday Katie Doyle was moving into her new house (which was called Bridge Manor) when she saw a doll at the doorstep. Katie picked up the doll to see that it was brand new but it appeared that it had been left there in a hurry. She loved the clothes on the doll so she brought it inside.

When her parents saw it they screamed, "Katie get rid of that doll now!" "Why mummy?", she asked. "Because that is the haunted doll of Bridge Manor", said Katie's dad but it was too late. Suddenly the doll's eyes opened and in a flash Katie's parents disappeared.

"Mummy daddy!" Katie screamed. "Your parents can't hear you now Katie" said the doll. "Who are you and why are you here?" asked Katie feeling slightly braver now". "I am Anna O'Herlihy the tracker of teachers", then the doll transformed into a human. "They call me the haunted doll of Bridge Manor because I steal the teacher's parents until you become a teacher for R.E.T.N.S" said Anna completely reading Katie's mind. So Katie joined R.E.T.N.S at the age of 5 and when she has worked in the school for 50 years she will get her parents back.

By Tuva and Cairo.

RET'S Quiz

- 1 What teacher teaches 4th class _____
 - 2 how old is the school _____
 - 3 who is the princeable _____
 - 4 What is the thing we did last February _____
 - 5 Ann and Jan share a room _____
 - 6 True or false Lily Cotton the Christmas decoration compition _____
- Answers on Next Page

by Amelia Browne

Answers on the last page!



Secret Santa!

What is Secret Santa? (also known as Kris Kindle)

Secret Santa is where a group of people secretly buy presents for each other. OK, that was a really bad explanation. Why don't I just show what to do!?



1. Decide who you're doing Secret Santa with.
2. Write everybody's name on bits of paper and fold them up.
3. Put the names in a hat (or other container!) and let everyone choose a name.

Note: If anyone chooses their own name, just fold the name back up and choose another name!

4. Decide when you should have your gifts ready by.
5. Whenever the time comes, have fun seeing who had you, what you got and all the fun of present giving at Christmas!!

Why should you do Secret Santa?

It's easier to buy for 1 person and no-one feels left out

What's the difference between Kris Kindle and Secret Santa?



Secret Santa is where you have to keep it secret who you got and Kris Kindle you can tell who you have (if you want)



TO: RETNS



FROM: Ben the
Chief ELF.

Dear kids of RETNS I hope
you are excited for the
Christmas Hols! and don't
forget to be good! :)



1. frosty lane North Pole.

SANTA

How to make an origami penguin!

Let's begin!

First, get an exact square of white paper.

Fold one corner into the middle.

Flip your paper over. It may look a bit like a diamond!

Then, fold it in half.

At the top corner of your half-diamond there should be a half-triangle.

Slowly flip that half-triangle out and press it down at the right time to make sort of a sharp, long, new full triangle.

Draw a beak on the end of that new triangle, and an eye on the left side of it.

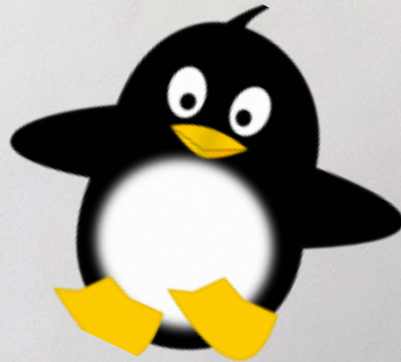
Do the exact same on the other side of your paper.

See the body of your penguin going into another triangle at the bottom? Tear or cut that triangle apart into two new mini triangles, and flip them out to make the feet. We're done!

I typed my own instructions while drinking tea. Tea is always the key! Enjoy your new penguin!

I made these penguins by fiddling with a bit of paper. Try it!

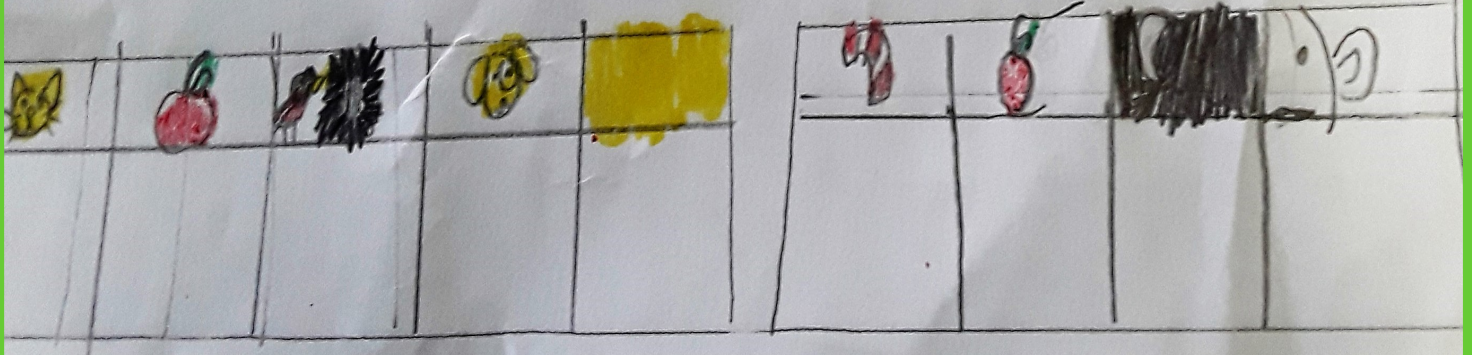
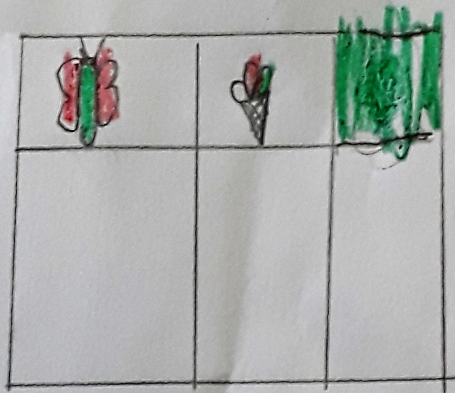
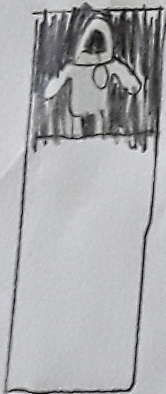
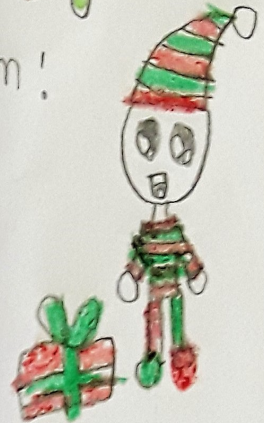
Instructions and typing by Alice Tammemagi.



Crack The Code!

by Grace
Barry
4th

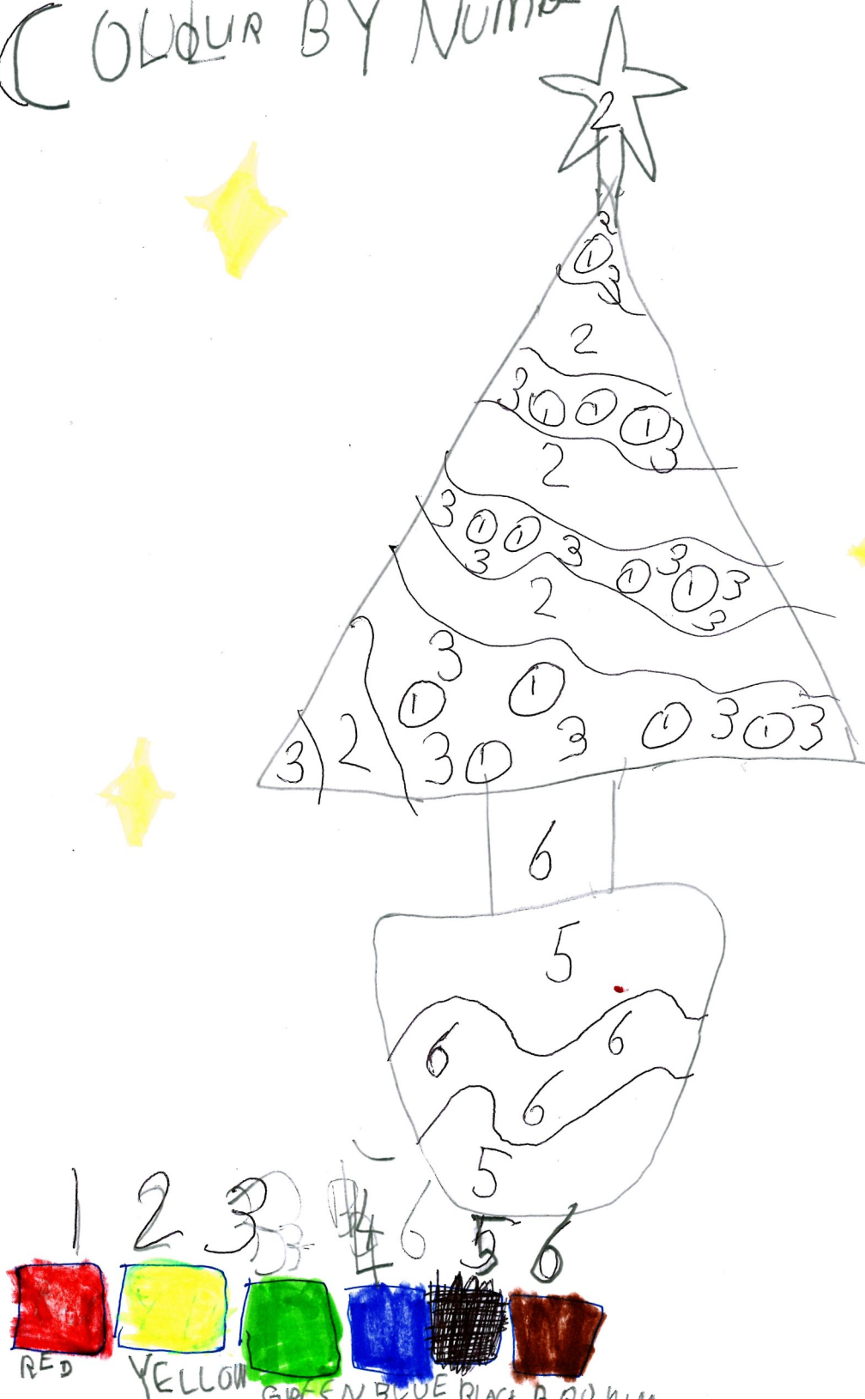
Help this Elf find out what Santa gave him!
Write the first letter of each picture.



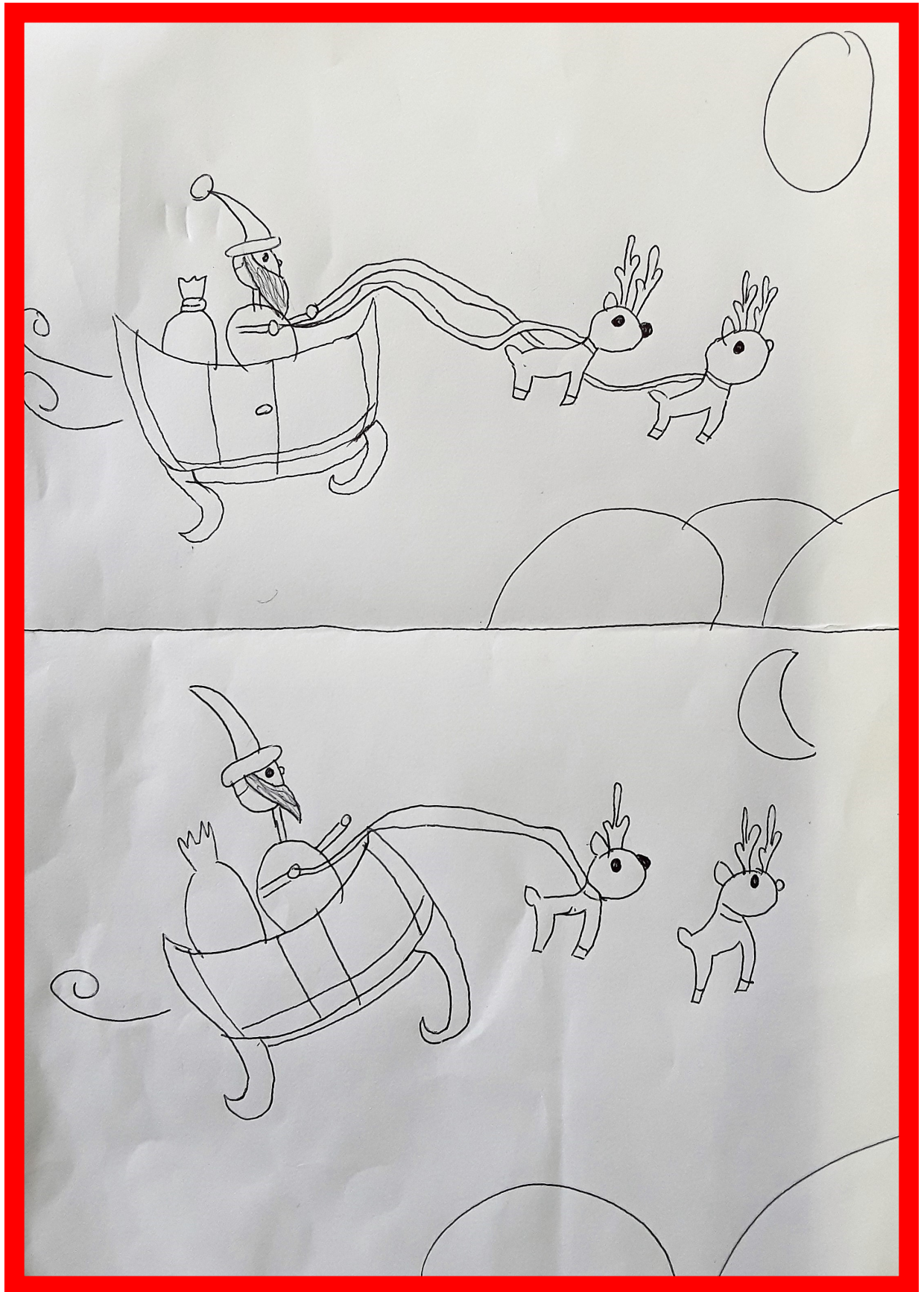
Answer on the last page!

By Lauren (in 2nd Class) AND
Rose (in 2nd Class)

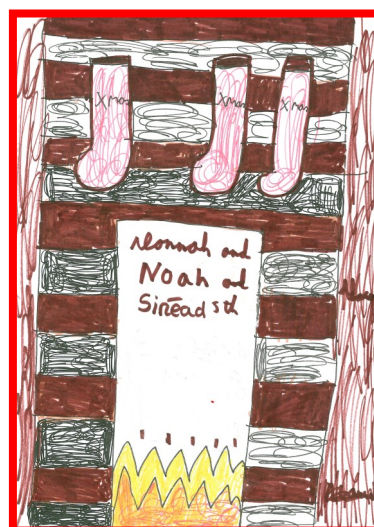
COLOUR BY NUMBER



Spot The Difference!



Art Attack!



This is a very small selection of the wonderful artwork that was submitted for this edition of the newsletter. Thanks you to everybody who sent something in!

Quiz and Puzzle Answers

Answers to RETNS Quiz, Page 9

- Answers
1. Dansen
 2. 28
 3. Have
 4. Plastic Free February
 5. Yes
 6. True

Thanks for doing
it - JK

by Amelia Browne

Answers to Christmas Crossword, Page 2

ANSWERS

ACROSS	DOWN
3. REINDEER	1. FROST
5. ELF	2. WINTER
7. SNOW	4. ROBIN
9. TREE	6. FAMILY
10. CHRISTMAS	7. SANTA
13. HOLLY	8. BELLS
14. HOLIDAY	10. CAROLS
	11. SLEIGH
	12. JOLLY

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 2019!

Answer to Crack The Code,
Page 13:

A BIG CANDY CANE

HOW TO DRAW TOM GATES

by charlie karangh 4TH

