



4TH CLASS BRINGING YOU THE RETNS NEWS

RETNS Chronicles

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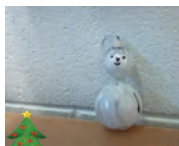
Homemade Christmas Present Ideas

by: Lucy

1: **m+m jar with a ribbon.** □
First get a jar, any jar will do. Then get a bag of m+m's, and pour them into the jar. Twist a lid on and tie it with a ribbon, a perfect and easy to make present for any chocolate lover.

2: **Snowman decoration** ❄️
Get some old Christmas baubles, one small one big. The small one needs to still have its string on but the bigger one needs to not have anything on the top. Get an old t-shirt and cut it into a long strip, paint the baubles white and hot glue the baubles together, after it dries, draw eyes, a nose and hands on your snowman. It should look like this, Now just add the scarf and you're done!

3: **Christmas characters**
You can make many characters with just a few supplies but today I will teach you how to make Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. First you get the thing you're left with when you're finished with toilet paper. Then draw two eyes and antlers, paint everything brown except for the two eyes and the antlers. You paint the eyes black and paint the antlers cream.



Then just stick on a red pom pom and you're finished!

Christmas baking

by: Éilis and Polly's treats

Rice krispies buns Younger kids 5 - 7
These are super simple and easy although you will need supervision while using the hob.
INGREDIENTS : Rice Krispies 200g, Marshmallows 225g, 55g Butter, Food colouring 3 drops green or red, Sprinkles,



EQUIP-
MENT: Large Bowl, Saucepan, Wooden spoon/spatula, Cookie cutter, optional, Tray.
Gently melt marshmallows and butter over a low heat in your pan, take off the heat move to your bowl then add the food colouring to the marshmallows mix and then add rice Krispies quickly. Put in the tray and leave to cool in the fridge □

When they're cool take out of the fridge and cut into shapes of your choice e.g. Christmas trees. And enjoy!

Sugar Cookies 8-12
These delicious and sweet sugar cookies are perfect for any event.

INGREDIENTS
96 grams of plain flour,
½ teaspoon baking powder,
1 pinch of salt, 60 grams of unsalted butter (at room temperature), 50 grams of sugar, 1 large egg yolk, ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract



For the icing
125g of icing sugar, 2-3 tablespoons of icing sugar, One drop of vanilla extract, Sprinkles for decoration

EQUIPMENT: Rolling pin, Baking tray, Small bowl, Whisk, Electric whisk, Medium bowl, Cookie cutters of your choice we are using snowman

METHOD
1. Preheat your oven to 160 degrees
2. Line your baking tray with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat
3. In a small bowl whisk together flour baking powder and salt
4. In a medium sized bowl beat together the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer.
5. Once light and fluffy beat in the egg yolk and extracts
6. Once they are well incorporated then sprinkle in the butter mixture into half of the flour mixture. Gradually add in the rest of the flour mixture. Refrigerate until hard enough to roll.
7. roll out until 1/2 inch thick. Using a shape cookie cutter of your choice, cut out the cookies.
8. Put them into the oven for 10 minutes or until lightly golden in colour.
9. Allow to cool.
Mix up the icing ingredients. Spread or pipe onto the cold cookies.
Enjoy!

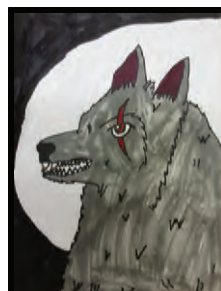
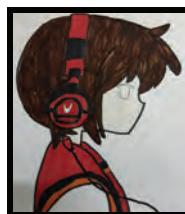
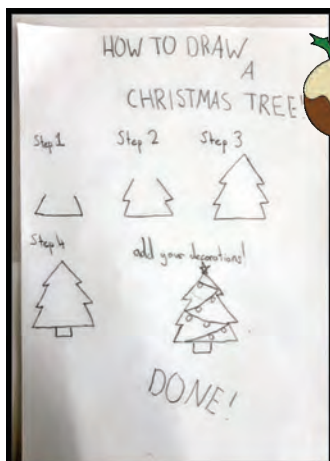


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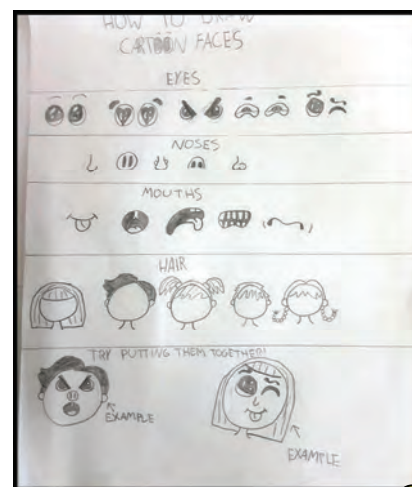
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Art by Anna Mae & Maeve S

Here is an easy way to draw a Christmas tree. Personalise it by adding your own decorations.



Draw your own cartoon characters with this simple guide.



Competition Time!
Draw or paint a picture of your pet or your favourite animal. The winner will be featured in the next edition. Deadline: January 31st 2021. Give entries to your teacher.





Senior Infant News

Senior infants have been writing some letters to practice their handwriting, I heard they even sent one to Maeve! They are having great fun writing and drawing and Senior infants now have a few new teachers ahead of them. First they had Rebecca, then they had Patricia and Laura and now they're going to have Niamh.

As you can see Senior Infants have been doing great art work this year like a Christmas tree with baubles and cut out penguins. That's all for now but we'll have another page all about Senior infants next issue.

By Lucy



Christmas tree by Senior Infants



1st Class by Irie & Elle

Here are some things first class have done from November-December

In Irish 1st class have been learning **bia (food)**. Here are some words they have been learning
 1.Úll = apple 2.bainne = milk 3.milseán = sweets

In maths they have been learning **3 number addition and subtraction +**.
 In P.E they have been learning **basketball**

In art they have been printing **vegetables**

In English they have learned this poem

The Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan

On The Ning Nang Nong where the cow's go bong and the monkeys all say boo!
 There's a Nong Nang Ning Where the tree's go ping And the tea pot's jibber jabber joo!
 On the Nong Ning Nang all the mice go clang and you just can't catch 'em when they do
 So its Ning Nang Nong cow's go bong

Nong Nang Ning tree's go ping
 Nong Ning Nang the mice go clang
 What a noisy place to belong is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!

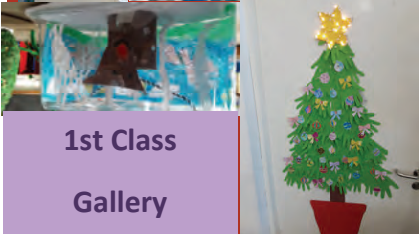
They learned about spiders

Did you know black widows people say the the most dangerous spider but ..there not

The goliath spider can eat birds !it is 30cm longer



1st Class Gallery



Second Class Report

Second class have done tons of interesting things, let's get into it!

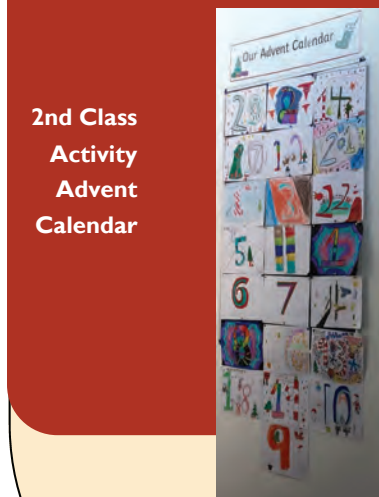
Second class have been making an advent calendar for Christmas, Sounds super exciting! Wonder what's inside!

Hmm...what's that smell? Is it...hot chocolate? That's right! Second class had a well earned hot chocolate

party from working up 2,500 points on class dojo! Well done second class!

Second class have been learning about adjectives and alliterations. Guess you could call them "super second class!" An alliteration is when you put an adjective before a noun that starts with the same letter. Example: sporty Sam or amazing Anna!

Second class have been learning about coins in maths! I think they are doing 1 euro coins! Seems fun! **By Caoilfhionn & Lottie**



2nd Class Activity Advent Calendar

Yoga with Ella & Rose



Angels Pose

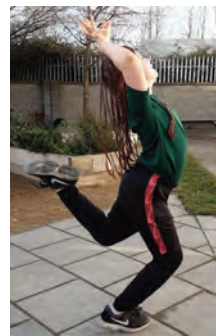
ANGELS

Find a partner
Stand face to face
Hold one hand of your partner and lift it up
With your other hand hold your leg behind you and lift up
You should feel a stretch in your lower back and thigh



Star

Stand in a V position
Slide your left arm down your left leg
Extend your right arm up
You should feel a stretch in your thighs.



REINDEER

Put both hands on your head like antlers
Bend your right leg
And lift your left leg up behind you extending slightly
You should feel a stretch in your lower back.

Competition!
How many Christmas Trees can you find in the RETNS Chronicles? Let us know through your teacher after the break!



Dillon, Luka and Samuel C.W. wrote a comic book together.



<https://retns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Voyage-Across-Space.pdf>

☆ Junior Infant News ☆

Junior infants have been working on some Christmas art!! They have made some awesome crafts, I'll give you a clue.. they pull santa's sleigh... Correct! They're reindeer! My goodness, they look awesome! I wonder where Rudolph got to??

Wow those reindeer are awesome!! Wait, what's that?! Its more awesome reindeer! And candy cane antlers? Yum! Good job junior infant's, those look great! They deserve a big thumbs up! 👍 by Lily



3rd Class News

By Maebh C
Here is a couple of things 3rd class have been doing for the last few weeks 😊

A while ago 3rd class were learning about Christopher Columbus, here are three things they learnt about him...

1. Christopher Columbus thought he found Asia, but really it was America



2. Christopher Columbus was born in Italy but lived in Spain for his life.
One of Christopher Columbus's ships was called the Santa María 🚢

For Irish, 3rd class have been learning some new Irish words because its getting closer to Christmas, they are learning new Christmas words such as

- Réalta
 - Bronntanas
 - Fear sneachta
- Aingeal and more 😊

$$2 > -3$$

$$0.999... = 1$$

$$\pi \approx 3.14$$

$$\sqrt{2}^{1+2 \cdot 3} = 5^2$$

$$5^{(2+2)} = 5_{10}$$

They also wrote some Christmas stories about fear sneachta's (snowmen)
Maith thú!!!! 😊😊😊

In maths 3rd class are learning about division by 2,4,6 and 8! They're doing really well 😊



3rd Class Art include snow globes, Christmas trees, Christmas stockings, Fear Sneachta and sewed animals



Our Recycled Christmas Decorations on our Christmas Tree inside the front door.



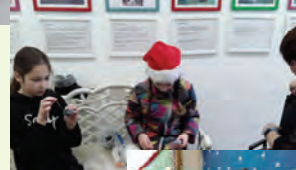
3rd Class Continued

In Art 3rd class have been doing lots of art like...

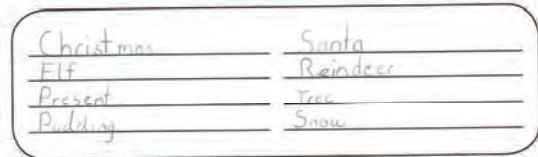
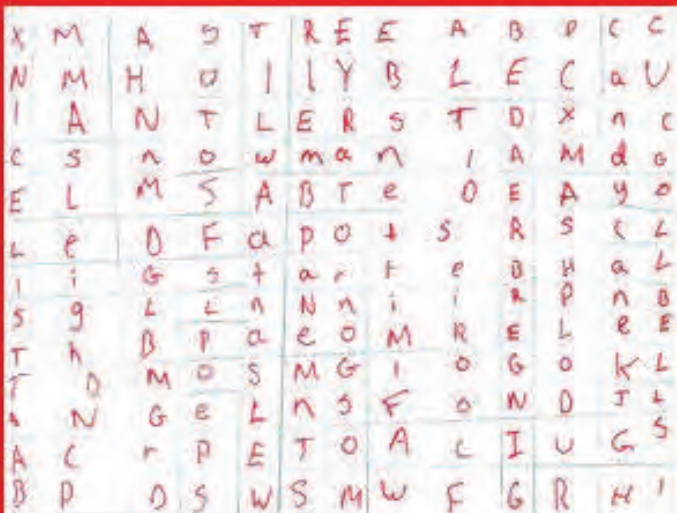
Taking pictures of themselves and sticking them on snow globes

Sewing bits of felt together and turning them into little animals!

Using string and creating night time scene inspired by the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh So thats it from 3rd class,merry christmas!



Word Searches, Puzzles and Jokes by Irie, Eden, Adam, Maebh C & Lauren



JOKES

- ☹️ What type of photos do elves take?.....Elflies!
- Knock knock! Whos there?
- BOO! Boo who? 😊 Dont cry! Its only a joke!

Fitness Training by Samuel G & Leo

To stay fit and healthy during Covid-19, do these workouts weekly ♀♀♂♂

Remember, practice makes progress!!
First do 20 push-ups if that's too hard, do them on your knees.
.NOW DO 30 JUMPING JACKS
.AND 10 SIT-UPS
IF THIS IS TOO EASY,
REPEAT IT A SECOND TIME.



by Tadhg Sh. Lorcain, Luke & Donagh

There's a new movie coming out called Soul by Pixar. It is coming out on 25th of December.

There's a new Black Widow coming out on May 7th 2021.



There's a new series called Wandavision by Marvel in the mcu it is coming out on December 2020.

There's a Batman movie. coming out on 25th June 2021.

There's a new movie called jungle cruise its coming out on July 30th 2021

There is a new movie called Raya its coming out on March 12th 2021.
There's a new movie called BossBaby it's coming out on March 26th 2021



Our Recycled Christmas Decorations on our Christmas Tree upstairs.



Adam's Jokes

What did the pencil say to the other pencil?
You look sharp!

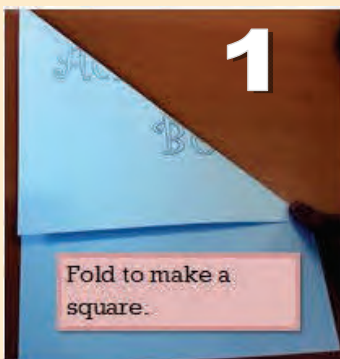
Knock, knock
Who's there?
Tank!
Tank Who?
You're Welcome!

What is a duck's favourite food?
Cream Quackers!

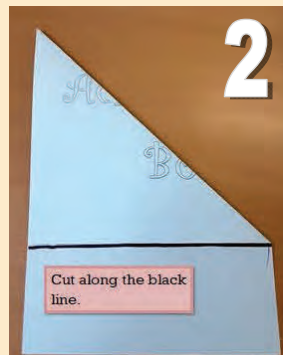
Origami Dog

By Elle, Samuel G.
How to make a dog head

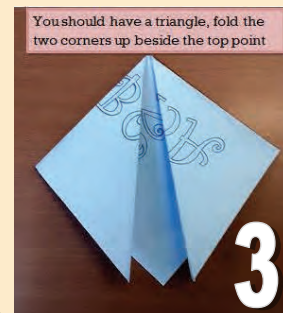
You will need one piece of A4 paper, now you are ready to start.



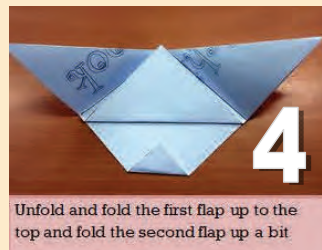
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4



5



6

Now put your finger in the flap and fold one ear out and push down on the middle crease and do that with both ears.



7

Now open up the dog head and fold the top of the head down a bit. Colour in the nose and make two eyes and then customise your dog and you are done.



Santa Clause News Update!

By Lauren



OK Santa, this year because of Covid, will you still be able to come??

Of course I'm coming! The elves fixed the sleigh, Rudolph and Prancer are ready to go, Dancer is a lil under the weather but I'm sure he'll be ready by Christmas.

THAT SOUNDS GREAT! Now tell me, how's Mrs Clause?

She's great! She thinks she needs to fatten me up so Covid can't get at me!

Anymore news?

Emmm, Dasher won the snow championship.

Whats the snow championship?

Its where all the reindeer compete to win the title of the Christmas Champion. I'm the judge.

Sounds fun! What do they do to win??

Well Lauren, I'll name you a few competitions:

Eat-a-choc-o-chip-cook-e

Jump-o-ver-da-moon and Who-can-s-ing-D-jolle-st-song

.....WHY DO YOU SPELL THEM LIKE THAT?

The other way is sooo boring!

Anything else Mr Clause??

Yeah! I'm gonna tell you a joke! Who says oh oh oh? Santa walking backwards! Ho, ho, ho!



5th Class by Lauren

Art

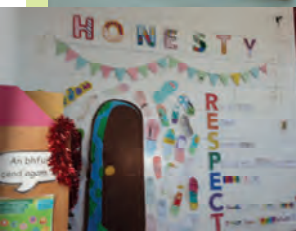
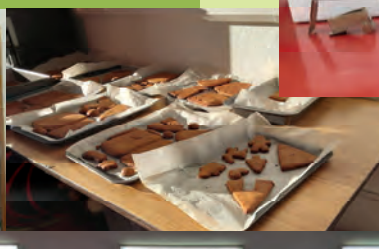
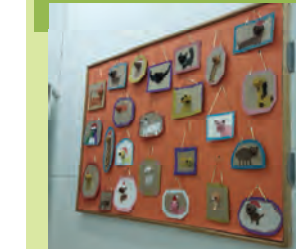
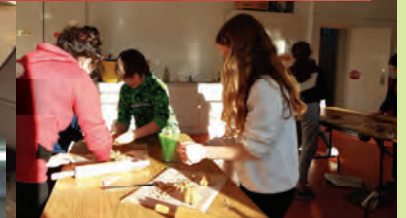
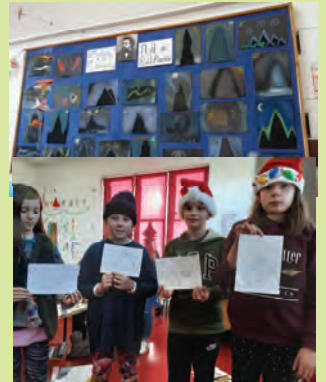
5th class have been doing LOADS of art. They have been doing 3D pet portraits (which are adorable!). They also have been doing mosaic art. It is originally done with tiles but they used pieces of paper. And they have a lovely choir on the corridor as well as some great motivational posters. Art based on Mussorg's Night on



Bear Mountain.

History 5th have been learning about ancient Rome. They have been making the city of Rome! It's not quite finished yet, but so far its great!

(Sniff sniff) can you smell that? well you must be smelling... **5th class ginger bread!** First, they are gonna construct it and then, decorate! Don't worry you will do it in 5th class too!





6th Class by Rose

Art
6th class made a silhouette town; each person made a house or a tree of some sort and it all got stuck onto a night sky background. They also made a nativity scene with baby Jesus and the donkey, Mary & Joseph all in a barn. Maureen helped them with all of this. They did watercolour paintings of the three wise men. Some of the 6th classers did paintings of the Grinch and his dog Max. George's poster for Freedom was judged the best for December.

They learned about Universal Human Rights seem to have a brainstorming board for their ideas.

Literacy
6th class have been doing some poems and have been learning about world war one.

Science
6th class did a test to see how much bacteria builds up on your teeth overnight which meant that some students had to wake up have breakfast and go to school without brushing their teeth.

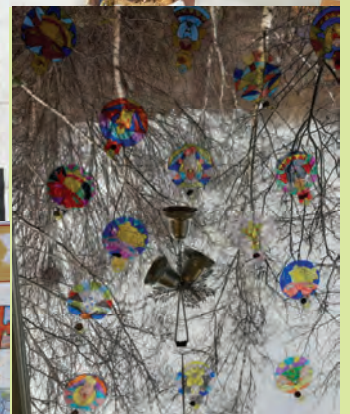
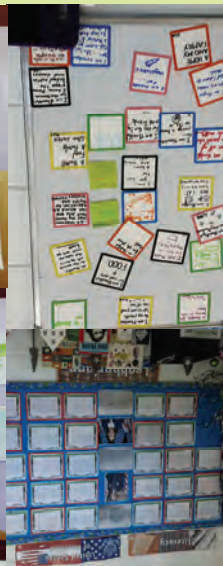
Maths
6th class have been learning about constellations, angles, hard stuff in maths.

Christmas
Amelia won the recycled Christmas decoration contest in her class. 6th class



have made window baubles on pieces of plastic and they were coloured in with markers so the light would shine in and make pretty patterns. They look really cool.

P.E.
In P.E. they have played Dodgeball and Tennis and may be doing Golf.



September 2020 – December 2020 by Maeve (Principal)

What a busy, and sometimes challenging, term we have all had. It has been a time for new routines for children and staff with a major focus on hand hygiene and respecting the now-familiar bubbles and pods.

In spite of all the changes to which children were required to become accustomed, what has been most striking is how happy our children are to be at school and how engaged they are in their learning. Many things were differ-

ent this term but in so many ways, it has been business as usual for RETNS. We continue to have our weekly assemblies with Frásaí na Seachtaine from 3rd & 4th classes, we have had lots of activities such as baking and pottery and while we have had no visitors to our school, we have had workshops on zoom.

Our pupil committees, the Student Council, the Green Team and the Active Team are all busy and 4th class has been working on this

newspaper. All classes are keeping active and doing lots of P.E. outdoors. We've also been making use of our new outdoor teaching area by the vegetable garden. The only thing we had to stop is singing but we look forward to better times when music will return to our school.

Sincere thanks go to our parents and guardians who have cooperated with us to keep our school community safe this term. I am particularly grateful to our school staff,

for the continued high level of commitment and dedication they show to our pupils in these challenging times. And of course, I would like to thank the children of RETNS – they make our job such a joy.

I am so looking forward to seeing all of you on 6 January. In the meantime, have a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir! Le dea-ghuí

Maeve

**Message from John Brosnan,
Chairperson Board of Management**



On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Christmas.

This has been the strangest of years for everyone. We may all need to be patient and vigilant for some time yet but thankfully the future is looking brighter.

The year brought unprecedented challenges for schools and families. The response of our school community to these challenges has been exceptional. The fun and ingenuity of the children, the professional dedication of all of the staff, and the selfless volunteering of so many parents and families has been inspiring.

Through the lens of our school experience, we see the best of people. Thank you all so much.

Have a great break and all the best for 2021.

Greeting from the Parents' Association Committee

With help from the tutorial put on by the Coder Dojo team, please find a greeting from the Parents Association Committee below.

<https://bitsbox.com/run.html?2f6t2>

We look ahead to a brighter New Year. Enjoy the break



◇ Fourth Class News ◇

♠ by Lily ♠

~Art~ Fourth class have been working on a lot of Art!! From Reindeer heads, to Holiday themed music boxes! We also made flexigons and painted scenes through a window. We worked on Mondrian inspired Art as well.

One of my favourites are the music boxes ! The tune is Silent Night! They are very calming to listen to!!

~Choice Projects~ Fourth have also made some projects! Brian let us choose what they'd be about! Here a few facts from some of the projects.

Titanic: The reason why they didn't have enough lifeboats at the time was because of the law. The law stated that they could only have a certain amount of lifeboats accord-

ing to the size of the ship.

Sweets: The first sweets ever made was the 'Neko wafers', first made in 1847.
Italy: Lasagne is one of the most popular foods in Italy. There were also projects on 1916, Parcour, Wolves, Movies, WWII, Famine etc.

4th class are also in charge of this newspaper. This is our 1st one! **Lucy, Lauren and Maeve S** are the editors. They have chased us all to do articles, they are doing a super job.

4th do the Mindfulness quote and Frasaí na Seachtaine nearly every week.

Well that's a lot of stuff that fourth class have been doing! I think that we do a great job!

