



# CHRISTMAS TIMES



## Greetings from 6th Class ...

*Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. Since September, we've worked very hard in 6th Class. This newsletter details some of our interests and you can even enjoy some recipes and lots more. Highlights from this term for us were; our Stopmotion projects, our walk to the Wonderful Barn, Kahoot quizzes, Halloween games and soccer at lunchtime.*

*We are excited for Christmas and we look forward to celebrating our Confirmation in the new year.*

*We hope you enjoy our newsletter.*

*Nollaig Shona ó Rang a Sé*





# *Merry Christmas*

**Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is observed primarily on December 25th as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world**

**Christians believe in the son of God. The name Christmas comes from the mass of Christ so we get the name Christ\_mass and it is shortened to Christmas. Christmas is now celebrated by people all around the world whether they are Christian or not.**

**'Merry Christmas' is a term used by millions of people to express good tidings during the Christmas season.**

**By Patrick M.**





# Cars

## Great Done Deal Listings ...



These are great deals on DoneDeal.com .... check them out!

1. 201 Volvo V60 Estate 3.0 auto, hybrid €50,190



2. 201 Ford Fiesta hatchback 1.0-1.5 €18,949-€33,220



3. 09 Audi R8 4.2 Manual Coupe €39,950



4. 151 BMW 520d Auto €19,950



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# Covid Update ...

## with Tom & Dylan

*The COVID pandemic has affected millions of people's lives. In Ireland, there have been 597k cases and 5707 people have died nationwide, and the worldwide fatality count is an unfortunate 5.26 million people. A whopping 85.2% of Irish citizens have been fully vaccinated. The head of the HSE is Tony Holohan, who has helped us through the COVID pandemic and educated us on it. There is a new deadly variant named Omicron. It has arrived in Ireland, so stay safe and wear a face covering. The cases are rising, so be careful so we can beat the COVID pandemic.*

*Stay home, stay safe and wear a mask and together we will win this battle against COVID.*





# Premier League

This is an article about the Premier League. We will tell you about the stats, where the teams stand and much more. To begin, we will tell you some stats.

## STATS:

Mo Salah has the most Premier League goals with 13.

Manchester City have the most passes as a team with 10125.

Joao Cancelo has the most passes with 1212.

Alisson Becker has the most clean sheets with 8.

## PREMIER LEAGUE TOP FOUR TEAMS

1st Manchester City

2nd Liverpool

3rd Chelsea

4th West Ham

## THE TOP FOUR LAST FIVE GAMES

Manchester City WWWWW

Liverpool WWWWL

Chelsea LWDWD

West Ham WDLLW



Thank you for reading this article about the Premier League.  
This was brought to you by AARON AND PATRICK.





# Ireland V Georgia Match

This match was the qualifier for Georgia and Ireland.  
There were 11 goals scored and I will be recapping who scored what goal and when.



It started at 7:00pm on Tuesday the 1st of December.  
It was a ladies match in Tallaght, Dublin.

In the 1st 2 minutes of the match Ireland scored an incredible goal!

1st Goal scored by: Maicon Bebia

2nd Goal scored by: Kyra Carusa

The first goal was scored by a Georgian player.(it was an own goal.)

3rd Goal scored by: Lucy Quinn

4th Goal scored by: Denise O'Sullivan



This was the amount of goals scored in the 1st half of the match.

5th Goal score by: Denise O'Sullivan

6th Goal scored by: Denise O'Sullivan

7th Goal scored by: Katie McCabe

The 7th goal was a penalty.

8th Goal scored by: Katie McCabe

9th Goal scored by: Saoirse Noonan

10th Goal scored by: Amber Barret

11th Goal scored by: Megan Connolly



This is the biggest win for the Irish ladies.

A QUOTE :

"As we expected when the draw for Group A was made, there are no easy games. In fact, we believe this to be the most difficult group of all with both Slovakia and Georgia being a lot stronger than they are given credit for. And, of course, we have the top two seeds in Sweden and Finland".

By Emily



# M&M COOKIES



with Clodagh & Ava

## METHOD

### INGREDIENTS:

- 150g salted butter, softened
- 80g light brown sugar
- 80g granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 225g plain flour
- A 1/4 teaspoons of salt
- 200g M&Ms



Step one:

Heat oven to 190c/fan 170c/gas 5 and line two baking sheets with non-stick baking paper.

Step two:

Put 150g softened, salted butter, 80g light brown sugar, 80g granulate sugar into bowl and beat until creamy.

Step 3:

Beat in 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract and 1 large egg.

Step 4:

Sift 225g plain flour and a 1/4 teaspoons of salt into the bowl and mix with a wooden spoon.

Step 5:

Add 200 g M&Ms and stir well.

Step 6:

Use a teaspoon to make small scoops of the mixture, spacing them well apart on the baking trays. This mixture should make about 30 cookies.

Step 7:

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes until they are light brown on the edges and still slightly soft in the centre if you press them.

Step 8:

Leave on the tray for a couple of minutes to set and lift on to a cooling rack.

### REVIEW:

*We used Smarties, M&Ms and chocolate chips but M&Ms were the best.*

*We would recommend this recipe to all who love baking!*

*You can find this recipe at [BBCgoodfood.com](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com).*

*If you ever have time in a COVID lockdown (if we have one again) then we would suggest this recipe 😊😊😊😊😊*

# Breaking News ...

## from Jesse, Dean & Fergal

Fortnite Chapter 3 is out and it's insane. We will list all the changes in this new chapter.

### New Map

The Map is brand new. There are 12 POIs within this new map. Including the Daily Bugle, Spider-Man's neighbourhood. There are also old POIs returning including Shifty Shafts, Greasy Grove and maybe Tilted Towers.



### New Weapons

With a new season comes new weapons to get the Victory Royale. To start off, The MK-7 Assault Rifle: Designed by the mysterious group known as The Seven. This weapon has a unique red dot sight mostly seen in games like Call Of Duty.

Ranger Assault Rifle: Built for medium to long range fire. This is the new default AR in Chapter 3. It has a slow fire rate but good first shot accuracy.

Striker Pump Shotgun: This shotgun is like the og pump but way weaker. It has high burst damage and has a longer shotgun delay. There are way more weapons in Chapter 3. We won't spoil the rest of the weapons.

### Gameplay Mechanics

Sliding: If you press your crouch button while you are moving you will go in sliding. You can still shoot while you are sliding.

### Minecraft Original

Minecraft is a game that can spark nostalgia in any one who was born before 2010. It has had many different iterations over its 10year life span. The first iteration of Minecraft was called Cave Game. It was amazingly simple, all you could do was break and place blocks. If you were to dig more than a few blocks you would fall through the earth.

### The Father of Mine

Markus Persson was born on June 1 1979. He grew up in a small town, Edsbyn. He was obsessed with Lego. When he was 7, his dad brought home a computer and he loved it ever since. As he grew, he got into coding. He never knew that one day his net worth would hit 1.6billion.



# The Renaissance Times

By Matia

The Renaissance meaning "rebirth" is a European artistic and political period following the Middle Ages in the 14th century to the 17th century. Many people in the Renaissance period become a painter or an inventor. It began in Florence, Italy.

The Renaissance began in the year 1300 in the 14th century. The most famous people in the Renaissance were Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo. Leonardo Da Vinci was an inventor, a painter and studied anatomy. Leonardo Da Vinci's full name was "Lionardo di ser Piero Da Vinci", meaning son of Piero from Vinci. His most famous paintings were "The Mona Lisa" (The Mona Lisa is a woman that Leonardo painted. What's strange is that she has no eyebrows and you can't tell if she is smiling or not.) and "The Last Supper" ("The Last Supper" is actually the story of Jesus when he was about to get hanged on the cross in the bible). Those two famous paintings were painted by Leonardo Da Vinci. He painted the Mona Lisa in 1503., while The Last Supper was painted between 1495 and 1497.

Michelangelo had an interest in the human body. He even painted the human body and made statues of the human body. What is strange is that he made the statues naked.

Michelangelo wasn't the only person who studied the human body, Leonardo Da Vinci studied the human body too. But the only way they knew how to study a human body was to dissect the dead body to make drawings.

Warriors were also in the Renaissance period, and Leonardo invented armoured tanks, cannons and muskets etc. Leonardo was the first person ever to make a flying machine in 1488, except he didn't want anybody to fly it instead it was called a "prototype".

The Renaissance ended in 1527. Leonardo died in May 2 1519, while Michelangelo died in February 18 1564.

The "Mona Lisa" and the "Last supper" are still in museums, but there are no cameras with flashes allowed, as the flash would damage the paintings.





# ... DAILY ANIMAL REPORT ...

By Doireann & Kate

Today we will be talking about two outstanding animals, pigs and bunnies. You should read this article as you will learn some amazing facts you never knew. Some will surprise you greatly!

## PIGS 🐷

Pigs are very clean animals even though they enjoy to play in muck. Pigs don't have sweat glands so they roll around in muck and swim in water to get cooled down. Pigs are smarter than your dog. Pigs have the same amount of intelligence as a human toddler and they are easier to train than any breed of dog.

Pigs love belly rubs. They use trees to rub and scratch. Their human caretakers give them belly rubs which they enjoy. Pigs have a great sense of direction, if they are lost even from a far distance they can find their way home. Pigs can run up to 11 miles per hour, they can also trot for a very long distance!



## BUNNIES 🐰

Baby bunnies are called kittens. A single bunny is a very lonely bunny. Bunnies are happiest in the company of their own species, they can become depressed if they are left on their own. Bunnies and Guinea pigs do NOT make good pals. They are similar in size and people think they are the perfect match, but experts agree that the species should generally be kept apart, Bunnies can do damage to Guinea pigs.

Bunnies have almost 360° vision, but they are born with their eyes closed. There is actually no difference between bunnies and rabbits. Bunnies can live to 10 years old so they're really worth adopting.



Thank you for reading this article about pigs and bunnies!! 🐷🐰



# NATURE

By Damian

Hello my name is Damian and I chose nature for my news article. Nature is very beautiful and mysterious that's why I chose nature. It fascinates me and has a lot to say.

There are a lot of endangered species. Endangered animals are animals that do not have many children and disappear like a doio bird. You can't kill these animals because you damage nature and they will disappear. There are many endangered plants and animal species like otters, pandas, red pandas and snowdrop flowers. These are the best known but there are more.

## NATURE FACTS

- \* 01 A tiger's skin has stripes.
- \* 02 Glass is neither a solid nor liquid.
- \* 03 An inch of rain is equivalent to about 10-15 inches of snow.
- \* 04 The rock hyrax is related to the elephant.
- \* 05 The hump of a camel is made up of fat.



Goats have different accents.

A British study found that goats from different areas will have different accents. These accents are also said to change as they grow older and move in different groups. While it has not been proven if they have their language, goats have been found to understand each other's accents.

More people have been killed by cows rather than by sharks.

Annually, there are only five deaths caused by sharks. However, cows kill almost four times more the amount every year. Cows kill around 22 people annually.

Around 400-800 million tons of prey are killed yearly by the spider family.

Researchers used two types of calculation methods to get this answer. In both models, the live global population of spiders was shown.

The turkey is called 'India' in Turkey.

In India, they are called 'Peru' and in Cambodia, they are called the 'French Chicken'. All of its names refer to its mistaken exotic origins.

## PLANTS

- \* 80 PERCENT OF THE EARTH'S ORIGINAL FORESTS HAVE BEEN CLEARED OR DESTROYED. ...
- \* THE EARTH HAS MORE THAN 80,000 SPECIES OF EDIBLE PLANTS. ...
- \* 90 PERCENT OF THE FOODS HUMANS EAT COME FROM JUST 30 PLANTS. ...
- \* 70,000 PLANT SPECIES ARE UTILISED FOR MEDICINE.

### How are seeds created?

A flower has pollen on it, it also has an ova, which is an egg.

When these join together, it creates a seed.

The seed will make a new plant grow!

Seeds are dispersed so they can grow in other areas.

Seeds need to be dispersed so that plants can grow in separate areas. This can be done in different ways.



### Wind dispersal

Seeds will travel in the wind. This will happen to plants such as a sycamore tree. The seeds have wings so can fly through the air. Dandelions also have very light seeds. If you blow them, they fly away!

## THE END

I want to say to you to protect the nature. Don't kill animals, eat more fruits and vegetables. Don't cut down the forest. If you destroy nature, you destroy the planet. If you destroy the planet, the planet will destroy you.





*Wishing you all a very*

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

*from all in Ms. O'Mara's 6th Class*