

# The Glasnevin GET Together

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## One snowflake makes it a white Christmas

BY ÁINE, 5TH CLASS

People may be wondering what kind of weather we'll have this holiday season. So I asked Conor Daly, the senior meteorologist in Met Éireann a few questions:

**Is it going to be a white Christmas and if you don't know, can you guess what the weather most likely will be?**  
In Dublin, and most of the rest of the country, it won't get cold enough for snow. This is because of a combination of living on an island (the sea keeps us from getting too cold) and of climate change where the world is warming generally.

**How much snow do you need to call it a white Christmas?**

One snowflake (if it falls at Dublin Airport between 00:00 and 23:59 on 25th

December). Or at least, that's enough if you've placed a bet on it!

To have a white-ish Christmas outside your house, you probably need around 1cm of snow (which is about the same as 1mm of rain).

Then you need it to stay cold enough so it doesn't melt before you get out to pelt your Dad with snowballs.

To have a 'proper' white Christmas, you really want around 10cm of snow, enough to stop the country in its tracks for a day.

**How many white Christmases**

**have happened in the last 20 years?**

Only two: 2009 and 2010 had very cold and snowy weather around Christmas though it all melted on St Stephen's Day in 2010. For contrast, Christmas Day 2011 had temperature around 10 Celsius, nearly 20 degrees hotter than Christmas Day 2010!



### STAR JOKES

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Red! Red who?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Red! Red who?

Knock, knock. Who's there?

Orange! Orange who?

Orange you glad I didn't say red!

*Luke, Aisling's senior infants*



**How does a tree get onto the internet? It just logs on!**

*Hang, Naomi's 3rd class*

### FESTIVE FUNNIES

**How did Darth Vader know what Luke Skywalker got for Christmas? He felt his presence!**

**What do you call a greedy elf? Elfish!**

**Why did Santa get a parking ticket? He was parked in a snow-parking zone!**

**What do you call an old Snowman? Water!**

**Who delivers presents for sharks? Santa Jaws!**

*Cillian, Naomi's 3rd class*

## Survey finds video games affect mood

BY HENRY, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

I was inspired to do some research because I felt upset that people in my class were so caught up in video games that they ignored me.

I had also heard on the news that

some children are not able to stand up straight because they are so used to sitting on a couch or chair playing video games, so they don't have good posture.

I did a survey about video games with the pupils in my class. I found out that between them my class plays a total of 182 hours per week! I also asked them if they thought video games affected their mood and nearly half said they did.

In my research I also learned about the one-to-five rule. This means that when you play one hour of video games you should do five hours of other creative things with your mind.

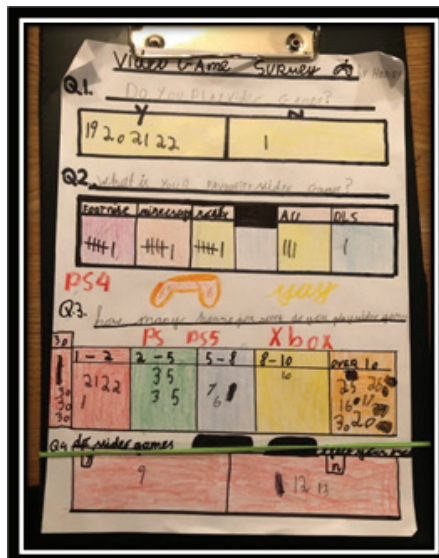
When you start to feel angry or any negative emotion while playing a video game you should simply turn it off, draw a picture or go outside. I asked my class for some other suggestions on what to do if you feel angry while playing video games. Here are a few of my favourite ideas:

*'I go outside and play football' Bobby*

*'I like doodling or drawing' Arina*

*'I go downstairs and colour' Kealan*

*'I like to write or read' Amy*



Henry's research notes. Cormac helped him gather the survey information

# 4th class student wins Texaco art award

BY OISÍN, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

You may have heard that Sophie in 4th class got HIGHLY COMMENDED in the 66th Texaco children's art competition.

She drew the award winning picture sometime in September. And said her classmates also entered the competition.

"I drew two pictures. The first was of my three legged cat called Boots. For this I used paints and colouring pencils," she said. "The second picture was of a leopard and I used water pencils for that one."

When I asked her how she had felt



Sophie with her Texaco certificate

when she heard the news, she said: "I felt sooo happy. It made my year because it was a difficult year with Covid-19 and things like that."

She also advised that more people should enter. "It's so exciting when you enter, never mind when you get one of these certificates."

She also said if you're not sure if you're better at drawing or painting you can try both and discover your talent. "It's great fun and practice really does help."

*Congrats Sophie*

## HERE'S SOMETHING EXCITING...

By Cara, Rebecca's 2nd class



*The Vendée Globe is a round-the-world yacht race*

The Vendée Globe is a boat race around the world! It starts in France in November every four years. You pick a boat that you follow.

I chose a girl called Sam Davies (you can see her in the picture here). She is from England. They will sail for 2 or 3 months! They will be on boats even on Christmas Day! I chose Sam because I LOVED her boat! It had hearts on it.

Here is the website: [vendee-globe.org/](http://vendee-globe.org/)  
[vendee-globe.org/en/skippers/97/sam-davies](http://vendee-globe.org/en/skippers/97/sam-davies)  
[vendee-globe.org/en/tracking-map](http://vendee-globe.org/en/tracking-map)

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## CULTURE CORNER

By Isabel, Rebecca's 2nd class

### Dia da Proclamação da República do Brasil

Republic Day of Brazil is a public holiday on the 15th of November. It celebrates the end of the Brazilian Empire in 1889. The Brazilian Empire was when there was a king and queen in charge. Then one day one of the princes said that he wanted to start a republic so that people could vote for a president instead of having a king and queen in charge. Today in Brazil people celebrate Republic Day by raising the national flag of Brazil and having parades and concerts in the streets.



## I Live in a Zoo!

I live in a zoo, with my parents-two,  
I have two goldfish, Nemo and Dory,  
They like to read a bedtime story,  
I have a hamster called Sunny Wiggles,  
When I rub her tummy she gets the giggles-  
I have a puppy called Floss,  
Sitting on the sofa she thinks she's the boss-  
As for stick insects, I had two,  
stuck to a leaf like super glue-  
So goodbye now we're out of time,  
I must go now and let the animals dine!

*- by Charlie, 4th class  
and Ellen Rose, 2nd class*

Sadly, since this poem was written, our friend Flossy passed away. She may be gone, but she will be in our hearts forever. Rest in peace.

# A jolly song and dance for Vincent

BY OISÍN, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

You might have noticed that a very important Vincent left the board of management a short time ago and had a lovely send off with teachers, staff and a quantity of children singing and dancing for him.

When I arrived I saw Tom, Alan and David from 5th class singing a rap and there were plenty of other people performing for him. The party was interrupted when a fire alarm went off but as we know all parties must go on.

Vincent Conway has been chairman of the board of management since 2011. He also helped us greatly through the move to our new school. He even gave music lessons to 5th and 6th classes

on the accordion and keyboard. He was well known in the school for his adventures in the Antarctic and his talks to the kids.

When I met him he told me that he always enjoyed visiting GETNS, talking to the children and admiring the artwork displayed.

Music was always a large part of Vincent's family. "I took up the piano accordion which is still at home, and I take it out now and again when we get together for family parties," he said. "Between us we can play the piano, the accordion, the keyboard, the guitar, the recorder, the violin and any percussion (drums) lying about."

He has also got a reputation for nice ties. His two favourite ties have pandas



Vincent Conway, who is leaving GETNS after 10 years as chairman of the board

and penguins. Which is little to our surprise after his travel and adventures.

As we know Vincent has travelled so much it is not surprising that after a question about further adventures he said, "I would like to visit South Africa, Morocco, Gallipoli in Turkey, the island of St Helena . . . the list is endless, almost!"

## In hot water with penguins



### Vincent shares some adventurous tales from Antarctica

*Antarctica: What a wonderful place!*

*Going ashore from the ship and travelling in a zodiac (inflatable boat) to stand on Antarctica was a thrilling experience. The peninsula part has many little islands which have been colonised by the penguins, seals and sea birds. For quite a while I stood and watched the penguins waddling up and down - some going to visit other penguins*

*on their nests, others clambering up the rocky slopes and vanishing over the top.*

*I tried to film as much as I could and I showed the children what I had seen on my return. I saw small icebergs which had been carved into various shapes by the action of the waves and winds against the ice.*

*One exciting event was when three passengers were thrown overboard into the ocean. Everyone else watched the rescue taking place.*

*Once the alarm was raised, four or more zodiacs formed a 'swimming' pool and prevented anyone from*

*floating off. Each of the three was taken to the ship's hospital but no one was hurt. We were supposed to be going to another island but, due to high winds, this was abandoned.*

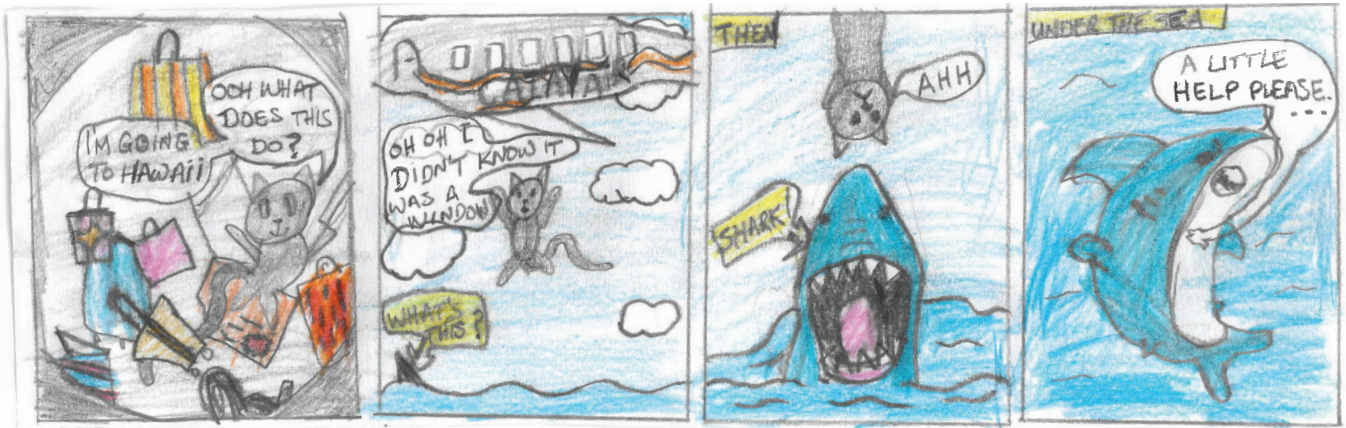
*Another exciting event was when we sailed to Deception Island, which has a huge bay surrounded by volcanic rock and stones, and most of it bleak, desolate, dreary and cold. Whalers discovered that Deception Island was not an island at all but a huge underwater volcano, which is still active.*

*We were invited to take a swim in the bay, and about 30 to 40 were brave enough to try it. I was very surprised to see people in swimming outfits enjoying the swim and lolling about. I took off my boots and socks and walked into the sea. I discovered the water was warm! Quickly I got into my togs and ran in.*

**CAN ANY READERS EXPLAIN HOW COME THE SEA IN ANTARCTICA IS WARMER THAN THE SEA AROUND IRELAND?**

# Blako the Cat

by Eliza, 4th class



... to be continued

# Ben and Pele

by Clémence, 4th class



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This is our paper, written by us, for us, the students of GETNS.

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