

The Glasnevin GET Together

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BACK TO SCHOOL FOR FIRST TIME SINCE CHRISTMAS

BY OISÍN, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

As you may know the government announced the reopening of school.

By now half the classes have come in, from junior infants to 2nd class. And the other half will come in by Monday, March 15th. ALC came in last week.

Róisín Conlon, principal of Glasnevin Educate Together, said: "I feel very relieved and happy about the reopening of schools . . . I sense that we have all had our fill of remote learning.

"While everyone has worked together so well, learning from home without the structure, fun and social side of school is hard on pupils, parents, and teachers."

Even though health and safety regulations will be stricter, masks will not be necessary requirements for students. Hand sanitising will be required regularly and 'the elephant trunk' distance will be required coming both in and out of the school.

With help from our magic maintenance man "Magic Mick" we will all be welcomed with a clean and sanitised

school. All classes including PE and Art will be continued as normal.

Among students there are mixed opinions on the government's move. During a survey in Naomi's 3rd class, a huge quantity of the class's hands shot up in support of going back to school. But not everybody agrees.

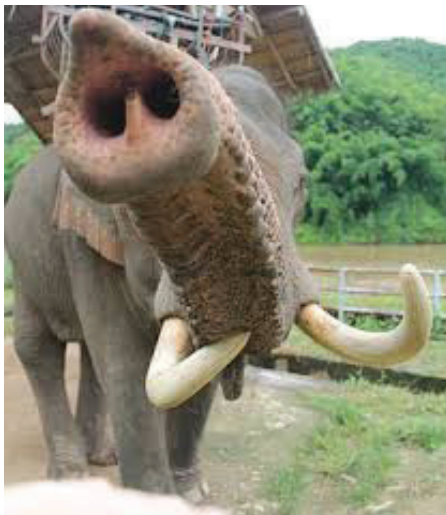
Luca from 5th class said: "I am not looking forward to going back to school because at home I can do my work in whatever order I want, plus I can take breaks and play with my dog whenever I want."

Róisín advised everyone to stay tuned for messages from the Department of Health and not to mix with other families, and in a dramatic quote said: "Let's all do what we can to keep our grandparents and other vulnerable people safe. Let's keep our schools open safely. This is the last hurdle (hopefully!). Is feidir linn!!

"When it's all over, you can hug your friends and say we helped get the planet through a pandemic we will never forget."

Róisín advises:

- ◆ Wash and sanitise your hands regularly
- ◆ Keep your distance: remember the elephant trunk rule (see left)
- ◆ Follow signs to enter and exit school safely
- ◆ Please don't have any playdates for now
- ◆ Also, if it's not too far leave the car! Walk, cycle, scoot, skate, park 'n' stride



STAR JOKE

by Charlie, 4th class

What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day? You can count on me!



Girl's best friend: Amélie's dog Cailín

We walked 99km for Dogs Trust

BY AMÉLIE, 5TH CLASS

I'm sure you have heard of Dogs Trust by now, but if you have not, Dogs Trust is a charity for dogs and a place where they can stay until they are adopted.

I got my dog Cailín from Dogs Trust; she is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

When I saw the Dogs Trust challenge, I knew I had to enter because I wanted to show them my appreciation. How it works is you have to walk 99km with your dog in the whole month of February.

Once I entered, I got an email saying that they would send me a T-shirt, a bandana for Cailín and a sponsor card to raise as much money as possible. In the email they also mentioned that all the money I raise will help abandoned and stray dogs across Ireland.

Cailín and I were so excited to get started but I was also a little bit scared at first because 99km is a long way to walk.

But once I broke it down, I realised I only had to walk three and a half kilometres per day, which was still a challenge especially in the bad weather.

But we did it and I am so proud of us. In the end, we raised €475.

In my opinion...

Cheating is sprouting in our class

BY OISIN, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

Whole class games have always been a difficulty in our class, because people do not play fair.

Sprouts was one of the most popular yard games in the class, and probably the school, for a time. But in Naomi's 3rd class, the way all games end up, it went from bad to worse in a matter of weeks.

Soon, seeing as there were so many people cheating and yet so many people were enjoying it, Naomi had a hard choice on her hands. After several failed attempts to stop the cheating, Sprouts was banned for two

weeks. But nobody has ever played the game since. Will Sprouts continue is my big question.

My argument is that, if one person cheats, a flock will follow because they feel at a disadvantage. And the few that don't cheat don't trust anybody. So in conclusion everybody is either cheating or accusing someone of cheating.

Some games in my opinion are dead losses, for example the game Cops & Robbers. This game is a dead loss for two reasons: 1. it's almost impossible not to cheat and 2. it's addictive.

The second one may not seem like

much of a baddie but the two combined can end in people wanting to play and not wanting to play at the same time, and the icing on the cake is cheating flavoured.

But Sprouts is a different matter. And why is that you may ask? Because I have a feeling that we can stop the cheating. I mean I have heard that other classes do it, so why would we be different?

Do you agree or disagree? Do you have any ideas for how to stop people cheating at games, or do you have a strong opinion about something else you'd like to share? Contact us! editorgettogether@gmail.com

YOU CAN'T LOCK DOWN CREATIVITY



Well-behaved sprouts!

February was a busy month, with Valentine's Day, Pancake Tuesday, and Chinese New Year. During lockdown, people have been extra busy making art and writing poetry to share with us. Enjoy!



2021: Year of the Ox

Pancake Tuesday

I just love to make a pancake,
First thing when I awake,
I love the taste of chocolate spread,
"Just four of these mum and then I'll be fed!"
A squeeze of lemon for an extra taste,
Lick every crumb there will be no waste!
I love when daddy lets me flip,
"Throw it up high!" says dad, "There's a tip!"
We giggle when Pluto the pancake he tries to take!
He jumps up on all fours and for my plate he does make!
"I will give you some Pluto if you do a little trick"
So up goes the paw and a roll over so quick!
After that our tummies are so full,
To get Pluto to walk we had to give a big pull!
I could not have another sip,
Oh no my trousers are about to rip!

by Ellen, Padraig's 2nd class

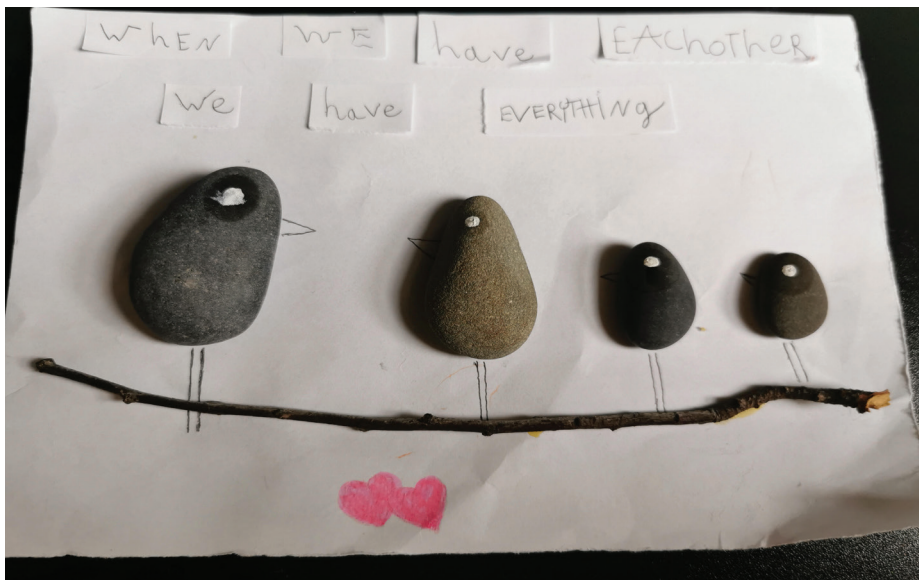
Valentine's Day

There once was a young lad called Ted,
Who on a sunny morning jumped out of bed,
"On this day I must find my true love,
Like an angel sent from above."
He wondered how he could win her heart,
"I know I'll make her a lemon tart!"
So he lined up all the girls in red,
Dreaming of which one he will wed,
And there she was, could this be true love?
Surely she would fit like a glove?
The girl before him made him fly high
Like a dove soaring in the sky!
"My name is Jane and I was born in May"
This could be a match in heaven hooray!
"But before our life together we will start,
I've something to say: I'm allergic to lemon tart!"

by Charlie, 4th class



Stone art by Ella, Rebecca's 2nd class



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge is on until March 17th, so people all over Ireland are celebrating the Irish tongue
Happy Seachtain na Gaeilge (:

Bainigí sult as!

HERE'S SOMETHING I LOVE...

By Stephen, Naomi's 3rd Class

I love dogs and have had dogs for most of my life. My first dogs were Jeff and Rudy.

Jeff was a springer, and very furry. Rudy was a pointer, he was very fast. Springers and pointers were bred for hunting. Pointers point at animals they hunt. But we did not hunt with Jeff and Rudy, we played with them.

The police also use springers for police work. They love smelling things and finding things.

My new dog Pebbles is really tiny and furry. She loves going to the

park and playing with other dogs. Today, she chased a cat out of our garden. The cat is three times bigger than her.

Here is a picture of Pebbles in the snow. She loves snow and thought it was food.

My dogs have one thing in common, they all love food and chase cats. Pebbles makes me laugh and I get a lot of cuddles from her.

*Is there something you love, or love doing, that you'd like to write about?
Contact editorgettogether@gmail.com*



Top picture is Jeff and Rudy, and below is Pebbles in the snow!

Belly laughs from Sam F, Naomi's 3rd class

I found a poem in The World of David Walliams Book of Stuff. I think it will make everyone laugh. And I drew a picture to go with it ...

Belly-button Fluff

From whence doth thou appear, belly-button fluff?
And from what are thou made: is it just fluff and stuff?
I pluck, I sniff, I hold you, I kiss you, and after a bath I
really, really miss you.

My navel fills up like a little fluff binny,
Probably because I have an innie.
But the question I wish to get up and shouty
Is: do you get fluff if you have an outie?

David Walliams



SPORT

Glasnevin GET Together's ace football reporter **Sam C**, from Naomi's 3rd class, makes his end of season predictions of who will win and who will go down!



With top players like Kevin de Bruyne and Rahim Sterling, Man City are favourites to win three major competitions

PREMIER LEAGUE

Winners

Manchester City

Runners up

Manchester United

3rd: Leicester City

4th: West Ham

5th: Liverpool

Relegated

Fulham

West Brom

Sheffield United

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Winners

FA Cup: Manchester City

Carraboa Cups: Manchester City

Champions League: Bayern Munich



You guessed...

Well done to Sam and Cormac in Naomi's 3rd, and Tom and Amélie in 5th, who figured out that our mystery pic is a bird (a swan) with its head in the water!

Do you have predictions for any sport? If so, please let us know for the next edition of the Glasnevin GET Together.

RIDDLES

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old: what am I?

What question can you never answer yes to?

What is always in front of you but you can never see it?

Daniel, Naomi's 3rd class

There are three doors: behind one is a lion that has not eaten in three years, number two has huge spikes and the last one has way too much lava. Which door do you choose?

How many months of the year have 28 days?

It belongs to you but your friends use it more. What is it?

If you don't keep me, I will break. What am I?

What has hands and a face but can't hold anything or smile?

Liam, Naomi's 3rd class

Answers: a candle; are you asleep yet?; the future; the first as the lion will have died of hunger; all of them; your name; a promise; a clock

Blako the Cat

by Eliza, 4th class

