

# The Glasnevin GET Together

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The deluxe coral reef squishy, designed by Tom for Sam and Emma's company

## Squishy venture sets tails wagging

BY SAM AND EMMA, REBECCA'S 2ND CLASS

Sam and Emma from Rebecca's 2nd class came up with the great idea of making paper squishies for their friends to raise money for Dogs Trust.

Orders were placed by classmates for creative designs from fidget-loving kids.

To date, Emma and Sam have designed and made: carrots, cherries, onions, emojis, ice-creams, watermelons, pineapples, and a special coral reef squishy designed by their classmate Tom.

The orders have flown in. Emma and Sam have raised €12 so far, and are happy to keep taking orders. Every little bit counts to support Dogs Trust!

Since we heard about Sam and Emma's venture, it seems squishy fever is spreading all over the school, with businesses cropping up in many classes! If you'd like to tell us about a business or fundraiser you're running, talk to me, Oisín from Naomi's 3rd class, or email [editorgettogether@gmail.com](mailto:editorgettogether@gmail.com)

## The day when our school stood with Planet Earth

BY AMÉLIE, 5TH CLASS

I'd like to tell you about Earth Day.

Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22nd to support environmental protection.

In 1969, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day in honour of our beautiful planet. The first ever Earth Day was in 1970.

Remember we can all save the planet just by making small changes in our everyday lives...

- Volunteer for clean ups in your community
- Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag
- Cut down on what you throw away
- Explain to the younger generation the importance of natural resources
- Use refillable water bottles and food containers

- Notice how you use water
- Plant a tree! (If you can) Trees provide food and oxygen, they help save energy and clean the air.
- Use a bike or scooter instead of a car to avoid air pollution. Remember one of our school mottos: 'If it is not too far leave the car!'
- Borrow and fix rather than buy

Over the lockdown I read a book called *Greta's Story*, written by Valentina Camerini.

It was very interesting; I especially enjoyed the part when she mentioned the protests on 15th March 2019. Thousands of kids all over the world protested to save our planet.

Reading it made me so proud remembering our school was among them. 🌍



Picture of the 2019 GETNS climate protest which appeared in the Irish Times

Colin Keegan/Collins

### STAR JOKE

by Cara, Rebecca's 2nd class

Why was the duck flying upside down? Because he was quacking up! (I learned this joke from my grandad)



### STAR RIDDLE

I have a bed, but I don't sleep. I have a bank but no money. What am I?  
A river

On the button...

# Not all screen time is bad for you

BY NOAH, 4TH CLASS  
TECH CORRESPONDENT

Have you ever been caught out for being on your iPad too long? Do your Mam or Dad ever tell you to “GET OFF THAT TABLET!”?

You’re probably wondering what the point of this article is, aren’t you? I’m here to tell you that not all screen time is bad!

These are some of the channels, programmes and games that I follow for fun but I’m also learning from them. (This keeps my Mammy happy).

## YouTube

### MinutePhysics

I love MinutePhysics because this channel is educational but you wouldn’t get these facts in school. It’s also not just a man standing there talking (that’s the definition of boring). He does these little sketches to teach you as well, because it’s harder to remember words rather than pictures.

And if you do get bored (somehow), keep watching because the longest video he made was 8 minutes and his average is 2-3 minutes.

### It’s Okay to be Smart

Okay I know I said a man just standing there is boring, but the edits this guy does are hilarious so that doesn’t count. He is different to MinutePhysics in that he adds these jokes every now and then.

## Flash flood in Naomi’s class rubs out stationery

BY PAT THE PEN, THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Today there was major flooding in lots of classes. Naomi’s 3rd class has been worst affected.

By 10 o’clock, after only two minutes, over 32 square centimetres was covered in deep water. There have been no civilian casualties but 3 rubbers are missing.

Over 25 cents worth of property was damaged. As a result many rubbers have had to flee their pencil cases as refugees.

A witness called Tim the Rubber (who wishes to remain anonymous) said: “The water was churning up the dirt as it flowed past me. My family had to stand on a book to stay dry and safe until the rescue team came.”



He doesn’t make it too boring but if he added too many jokes the channel might as well be called ‘It’s Okay to be a Comedian’. His channel has that sweet spot right in the middle.

### Physics Girl

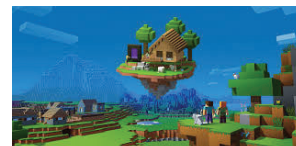
A good friend of Joe Hanson, (the guy in It’s Okay to be Smart), the Physics Girl doesn’t edit or draw. Instead of telling you facts, Dianna does experiments. For example she once stuck her finger in water and it turned to ice. In fact the ice was actually body temperature. How COOL is that! (No pun intended)

I would 100% recommend all these channels to watch. That’s the thing, WATCH. What if you want to do something more interactive? My suggestion is:

## Minecraft

Minecraft is one of the most famous, educational and best games of all time. Minecraft is a very simple game at first, but the further into the world you get, the more complicated it gets.

So you start your first world and ten minutes later your Mam or Dad says “GET OFF THAT XBOX NOW!!!!!!” So you need an excuse.



Turn on **Education Edition** on a Creative world. Education Edition adds four new functional blocks. These are: Element Constructor, Compound Creator, Material Reducer Lab Table and all 118 elements in the periodic table.

If you can’t find the Education Edition button then don’t worry, Creative Mode in Minecraft is really good for your imagination as well. Mainly because you can build whatever you want but there is also a technical side of Minecraft. It’s **Redstone**.

Redstone related items are: Dust, Repeaters, Comparators, Observers, Pistons/Sticky Pistons, Slime blocks, Honey blocks, TNT, Dispensers, Droppers, Levers, Buttons, Pressure plates.

Just remember that we still shouldn’t stay on screens for too long. Experts say every 25 minutes you should take at least a 2-3 minute break when using a screen. Anyway, now you know thaaaat. NOT ALL SCREEN TIME IS BAD!!!



The catastrophic storm was caused by the bursting of a dam (water bottle that spilled on the floor). The cause is still unknown but civilians are advised to stay away as rescue teams continue searching.

*Is this story true? See Page 4*



In my opinion...

## Living at this historic time has a few bright sides

BY CILLIAN, NAOMI'S 3RD CLASS

Though Covid has been hard for all of us, it also has some bright sides, in fact it has quite a few!

Firstly, as a result of lockdowns people have spent a lot more time indoors with their families.

Secondly, being crammed indoors all day made us appreciate small things like getting to go outside or playing with friends.

Thirdly, as a result of plane/helicopter travel being banned carbon emissions have reduced majorly.

And finally, to avoid lockdown getting boring some people took up new hobbies such as a musical instrument which are good for the mind.

*Do you agree or disagree? Or do you have a strong opinion about something else you'd like to share? Contact us! editorgettogether@gmail.com*

## CULTURE CORNER

By Amy S, Naomi's 3rd class

### Ramadan, the holy month

Muslims around the world fast during the month of Ramadan. They abstain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset. Kids, sick people and travellers do not have to observe Ramadan. At the end of 30 days of fasting, Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan with a festive day called Eid. During this day families and neighbours visit each other. Kids get presents and money and must wear new clothes on the day.

*In 2021, Ramadan started with the sighting of the new moon in April and will last until May 12.*



Max's junior infants class at GETNS giving a big welcome to Jonny Cooper and Sam Maguire!  
Below: Max today with his hamster, Mario

## A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

What is it like to move to a brand new school? Max, who left GETNS in 2017 after junior infants, tells us his story



To be honest I was sad but wasn't broken up about leaving the school. I was young so I guess I just went with it and was happy to get a bag of sweets for leaving at the end of junior infants.

My new school is good. Lots of people still ask me about GETNS. There are only boys in my class and we have to wear a uniform and a scratchy jumper. I have a very good teacher, Mr MacDonncha and the principal, Mr Ryan, is nice.

I can't remember much about GETNS, but I did make some really cool friends. I remember the way we didn't have to stay in the one place during yard so we could go anywhere we wanted around the school.



It is a shame I wasn't able to go to the Autumn Fair last year. GETNS Autumn Fair is the best. Life is going pretty well. In the new school, I made friends pretty quick and now I am kind of popular.

That's really everything going with me except for my new hamster (Mario).

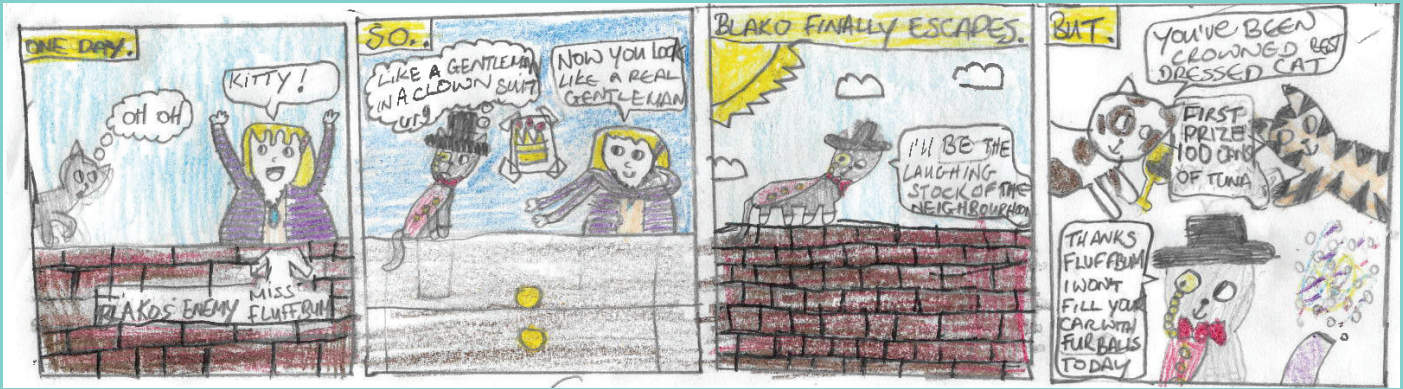
Good luck, High hopes,  
Max (GLHAM)

*Do you have a memorable experience you'd like to share? Contact us! editorgettogether@gmail.com*



# Blako the Cat

by Eliza, 4th class



(No cats were harmed in the making of this cartoon!)

## WHAT'S SO FISHY about APRIL FOOL'S DAY?

by Oisín, Naomi's 3rd class

Have you ever wondered about the origin of April Fool's day? Well, if you have then let's find out.

The exact origin of April Fool's Day is unknown. But researchers incline towards the idea that it might come from the fun people had in spring festivals like the Holi festival in India and the Hilaria festival of ancient Rome, when people celebrated the turning of the seasons with games and amusements.

Some think that it originated in France officially with the Edict of Roussillon in 1563.

Until then the new year began at Easter time. In 1563 King Charles IX transferred it to January, but some people still thought that New Year's Day was in April so people played tricks on them.

There is a game named Poisson d'Avril meaning 'April fish' in which children such as me and you tape paper fish to a friend's back and call out "Poisson d'Avril!" if the unfortunate fish fiend finds it.



## YOUR NEWSPAPER NEEDS YOU!!!

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**AS YOU'VE PROBABLY GUESSED, THE STORY OF THE FLOOD ON PAGE 2 IS . . . FALSE, IT'S AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE (SEE ABOVE). BUT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO FIND OUT THAT THE STORY BELOW IS TRUE**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Snakes don't actually make slime, but one unusual animal that does is the parrotfish.

Before they go to sleep, parrotfish burp out a layer of slimy mucus to cover themselves in. Scientists aren't sure exactly why parrotfish cover themselves in bedtime slime, but they think it might be to protect themselves from parasites or predators while they sleep. Cosy!

By Charlie and Ellen, 4th and 2nd class

