

Borris NS News



Merry Christmas 2012!



This photo was taken earlier this morning over the playground. Our school had a mystery visitor who stopped for a while on the roof. Having delivered a sackful of

presents he headed off again, saying something about making a list and checking it twice. Guess we'll all find out who's been naughty or nice on Tuesday morning! Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! God bless us, every one!



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Christmas Nativity Plays On!

Our very popular nativity play will take place on **Thursday Dec 20th** in the church. The performance begins at **7:30 sharp**. Parents are asked to bring children to their places by 7:15pm. All the classes are working hard on it right now: rehearsing actions, learning lines, singing songs and getting costumes ready. We are introducing some new elements this year (new songs and actions) while keeping many of the most popular songs. We hope it will be as big a hit this year as it has been before.



INVITATION

Would you like to write for our magazine?

We welcome articles, stories, poems and photos for consideration.

Send them to

borrisnews@gmail.com

(Items may be combined, edited or deferred).

6th class diary Sept–December:

We had Miss Kelly on teaching practice for 3 weeks. Lots of us went to the Ploughing Championships in Old Ross. There was a fashion show in the Step House to raise



money for our trip to Denmark in May. We modelled our own clothes and had great fun. A former rugby player called Wes Witten visited our school with the Heineken Cup. We all lifted the cup which weighed 5kg. Even the teachers had a go! We dressed up at Hallowe'en and we dressed up.

Chuamar ó theach to teach agus fuairamar milseáin. Chodziliśmy z

domu do domu i zotaliśmy cukierki). We met lots of new people at the Vocational School's Open Day. Khan's organised a Book Fair in our school this year. The books were good and reasonably priced. Our mums and dads had a chance to come in



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Best Christmas sites for kids:

www.northpole.com Enjoy Christmas with Santa Claus at the North pole, an award-winning Christmas web site. Send a letter to Santa Claus or a Christmas card to a friend. Mrs. Claus' Kitchen - Elf Clubhouse - Reindeer Barn - Weather Station

www.claus.com Award-winning Santa Claus site for parents and kids. Check your naughty or nice rating. Play games in Elf School. Print your Honorary Elf Diploma. Christmas Village - Naughty or Nice List - Elf Songs - Santa Claus House

www.santa.net A Christmas animated Santa Claus North Pole Cybertour! Visit Santa, the Elf Toy Factory, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Play Free Games, Send Ecard

Can you spell backwards?

Imagine being able to spell any word backwards just as fast as most people spell it forwards! When he was aged *n-e-t*, the author David Donohue discovered he could do this and has never looked *k-c-a-b*. His three books are about the adventures of Walter Speazlebud, a boy who can spell backwards as well as forwards. When the children went to meet David in the library recently of course they had to challenge him! They were amazed when he spelled lots of hard words backwards. Then they tried it too. David gave one of his books as a prize—it was won by *y-b-m-A*.



Haunted Houses

Mr Coady's room had great fun recently, making haunted houses.



Each group found the scariest things to put in & made up stories

about them. There were a lot of scary monsters, witches, vampires and loads of blood.



Teacher printed photos of us. We cut them up into different parts of our faces. We arranged the eyes, nose & mouth on a page. Then we

Shoebox appeal!

Kieran Byrne of the charity "Heart to Hand"



asked our school to give shoeboxes full of toys, food and gifts to the poorest of the poor in Albania. Everything that comes in goes out to help the people there. We had a

great response from the children and parents of the school so, even though times are hard here too, we know that our gifts will help others less fortunate than ourselves. All the boxes are put into trucks and driven across Europe by volunteers. A volunteer is

someone who works for no money. Our photo shows some of the children receiving shoeboxes. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Picasso in school!



drew all around these to make it look like a Picasso painting. Teacher gave us special colours called pastels to colour them in. Strange but fun!

Tracy Beaker is really 67!

The writer of all the Tracy Beaker books, Jacqueline Wilson, was born in England. She always wanted to be a writer and wrote her first story when she was nine year old. As a teenager she started work for a magazine.

Young readers

Every Thursday Mr Collins's group go to the library after little break. We have to have our library cards. It's nice in the library. We look along the shelves to see what books we might like to get. We pick books because they are interesting or the picture on the front



looks nice. We can have up to 4 books. I like going to the library because I like books.



She created the character of Tracy Beaker in 1945, 67 years ago. Jacqueline has sold millions of books. In 2002 she got a special medal called the OBE from the Queen of England to say thank you for writing such good books for children.

Classroom Art



From the SI/1st room: clay discs (top) showmen (right) and paper plate patterns (below)



Below: stick snowmen from Junior Infants—the smallest artists in the school!



From 2nd/3rd classes fabric and fibre scarecrows based on scarecrow poems



Happy Holidays everyone!
School re-opens on Monday 7th January



Off to Denmark

Last year 6th class from Borris Denmark came to our school and stayed for 4 days. This year 6th class have been invited to stay for 4 days in June 2013 in the Borris village that is in Denmark. We will travel on an aeroplane to Denmark, then take a 4-hour bus journey via a sea bridge. People had to get their

passports ready and we've booked the tickets. We have had help from the Farmers' Market and also had a very successful Fashion Show. Thanks to everyone for your support so far. There will be more fundraising efforts in the new year. *Onsker os held og lykke* (That's Danish for "wish us luck")!



Can you find the names of Santa's reindeer?

o	w	j	p	a	n	e	z	t	i	l	b
u	a	w	r	w	h	c	p	r	k	n	m
t	o	s	c	e	z	k	e	y	d	b	z
e	d	t	d	l	e	c	u	i	r	m	l
m	a	o	e	u	n	d	p	k	t	c	r
o	s	x	i	a	u	u	n	w	k	j	e
c	h	y	r	m	c	t	k	i	q	a	n
e	e	p	j	y	x	s	r	j	e	e	n
l	r	j	d	h	p	l	o	d	u	r	o
v	k	v	i	x	e	n	v	e	v	i	d
x	y	r	e	c	n	a	d	d	a	t	s
j	r	a	v	w	j	d	v	x	n	p	b

Blitzen

Comet

Cupid

Dancer

Dasher

Donner

Prancer

reindeer

Rudolph

Vixen

