

# THE DUNDERROW TIMES







# Welcome to the Dunderrow Times



Welcome to the Dunderrow Times magazine Christmas 2025 edition! 6<sup>th</sup> class have been working very hard on this magazine. It is full of all of the fun and interesting things we have been up to in school! Our front cover is made up of art that was submitted to the magazine. Thank you to everyone for their creative Christmas drawings!

The magazine team is made up of the following people:

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Ellen  
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Ría  
Mia SC  
Mia DW





# Junior & Senior Infants

Junior infants were very excited to start primary school in September and senior infants were delighted to be back. There was also big excitement for a mixed. The Infants were introduced to junior bear and senior bear, they take turns taking them home and the next day they talk about their adventures. The infant classes have lots of fun playing games in drama and flush the toilet in P.E. They love making creations with playdough too. Of course, we can't forget their Christmas play Humph the Camel By SEB designed by Thomas





# 1<sup>st</sup> Class

1<sup>st</sup> have been super busy this term. The made in art and did really fun science that they love. They have been working really hard on their Christmas play. 1<sup>st</sup> class have been loving trying Hockey in P.E.

They have been using tablets in literacy lift off and did a fun maths quiz! 1<sup>st</sup> class have also been working hard on rubbish monsters. They had a great time on the sponsored walk, where they loved all the muddy bits and did not like the clean bits of the walk at all!!!

By Mia DW & Mia SC







# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class



2<sup>nd</sup> class have been very busy this term. They went on a school walk. They did a fun maths trail for Maths Week. 2nd Class have done some amazing art, including pumpkin art.

2<sup>nd</sup> Class had a blast for science week. They did lots of fun experiments such as elephant toothpaste and a milk experiment using food coloring.

Second class have had such an amazing time in school so far by the sound of things! I'm sure they cannot wait to come back after the holidays!!!

by Alice McCarthy and Ellen Kingston







# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class



THIRD CLASS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY THIS TERM. THEY HAVE GOTTEN UP TO SO MANY THINGS AND HAD LOTS OF FUN. HERE IS A LIST OF WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING:

- MORNING MEETINGS WERE 3<sup>RD</sup> GREET EACH OTHER SOMETIMES IN DIFFERANT LAUGEGES, ANSWER A SHARING QUESTION AND DO AN ACTIVITY
- THEY ARE LEARNING MUTIPLICATION FOR THE FIRST TIME
- TONS OF ART AND SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES
- THEY HAVE BEEN BUSY PREPARING FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PLAY
- THEY HAVE BEEN READING A VERY FUNNY BOOK CALLED DEXTER PROCTER THE 10 YEAR OLD DOCTOR
- THEY HAVE BEEN LOVING PLAYING TERMINATOR THE QUIZ GAME TO REVISE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING
- AND THE REALLY ENJOYED BADMINTON IN P.E.

BY SEB



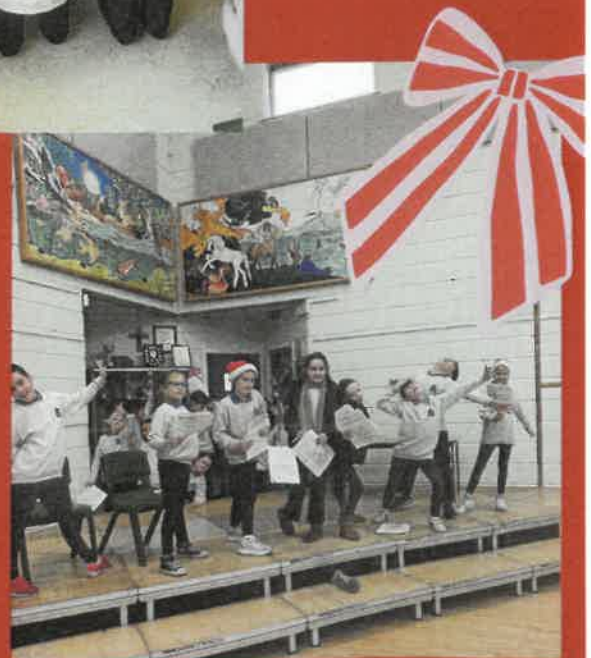


# 4<sup>th</sup> Class

## By Caelan



4<sup>th</sup> Class have had a busy year so far. They have been loving art and especially enjoyed learning about Keith Haring and creating their own versions of his art. They have been learning all about the White Stripes in music. 4<sup>th</sup> class Sang at Open Day with 3<sup>rd</sup> class which the parents really enjoyed. 4<sup>th</sup> class have a lovely kindness book where anyone who spots kindness around the classroom they write it in the book and Mr. Giles shares it with the class. 4<sup>th</sup> Class also love taking care of their class plant 'Plantrick'! 4<sup>th</sup> Class are super busy working on their Christmas play now and we cannot wait to see it!





# 5<sup>th</sup> class

5<sup>th</sup> class have had a fantastic term. They were delighted to get started on the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP). They had a webinar with entrepreneur Áine Kennedy and learned about the skills and qualities of entrepreneurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Class really enjoyed baking scones and have been learning lots of new skills from football with James. For Science Week, they did lots of cool experiments. The class used the IZAK9 cubes during maths week and had great fun with them. We can't wait to see what 5<sup>th</sup> class get up to after Christmas!

**By Ría & Faith**





# 6<sup>th</sup> class

6th class is always a very busy year in school! There is so much going on. 6<sup>th</sup> class have been to the KYSS mental health day in Sáile, a rugby blitz and lots of matches. 6<sup>th</sup> class had a really interesting talk from Motus Learning. 6<sup>th</sup> class have loved doing badminton and volleyball in P.E. They are now preparing for the last school play, Shrek! 6<sup>th</sup> Class are excited to make lots more memories after Christmas.

By Freya and Caelan.







# Junior Autism Class

The junior autism class have really enjoyed this term. They love station boxes, jigsaws and sorting activities. They enjoyed doing autumn and winter art.

The class love sound baths on Thursdays. They carved pumpkins for Halloween and a busy learning Christmas songs at the moment! As well as all this they have been loving breakfast club and dressing up! Sounds like so much fun!

By Mia DW & Mia SC







# Senior Autism Class



The Senior Autism Class have had a great term. They have been doing tennis lessons in Kinsale Tennis Club. The class have been working hard on their typing skills too. The older children in Ms Horan's class had a lovely outing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. They got the Local Link bus into town. They then had a snack in the Blue Haven and did some Christmas Shopping at the Farmer's Market. Afterwards, they relaxed in the library. They also did a race up the Stoney Steps! Sounds like so much fun!





# Sciath na Scol

Pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class have really enjoyed playing other schools in the football half of the year. They have had so much fun playing Gaelscoil Cionn tSáile on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, Kilbrittain on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September and Ballyheada on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, and the We are all so excited to return to school next year and play the hurling half of the Sciath na Scol season!

By Ellen Kingston







# New Junior Infants!



We were all so happy to welcome our new Junior Infants to Dunderrow in September. We decided to interview our new infants to get to know them a little better!!!

| Name     | Favourite Food          | Favourite Colour | Favourite thing to do in School |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gracie C | Yogurt                  | Pink             | Playing Outside                 |
| Archie   | Pasta                   | Green            | P.E.                            |
| Ella     | Carbonara               | Pink & Purple    | Playing Outside                 |
| Noah     | Oragnes                 | Yellow           | Playing with Amy                |
| Amy      | Apples                  | Pink & Red       | Playing Outside                 |
| Kevin    | Burger & Chips          | Black & Purple   | Playing Outside                 |
| Annalise | Bacon                   | Yellow           | Playing Outside                 |
| Kevin    | Bananas                 | Multicolour      | Playing Outside                 |
| Evan     | Pizza                   | Pink & Blue      | Playing Outside                 |
| Conor    | Waffles                 | Black            | P.E.                            |
| Shane    | Pickles                 | Rainbow          | Soccer                          |
| Miles    | Roast Beef              | Blue             | Playing with toys               |
| Gracie F | Strawberries            | Rainbow          | Playing Outside                 |
| Eliza    | Fish                    | Rainbow          | Playing in the sensory room     |
| Danny    | Pizza                   | Blue             | Playing games on the whiteboard |
| Max      | Cookies & Baby Sausages | Purple           | Seeing Teacher                  |

By Ellen & Rachel



## Student Council Update

The Student Council have had a busy start to the year. We settled into our new roles and started having Student Council meetings to make plans and look for ways to improve our school.

For Halloween, we planned disco with some games and older and younger classes mixed for this. The games were a big hit! Especially guessing the jelly beans in the jar (417!!!). There was big excitement for Sophie Russell who won the jar!

We are always looking for ways to improve our school and help everyone in Dunderrow have a great time in school. We have lots of fun plans for Christmas including mixing classes to make Christmas decorations, Festive Spirit Shout Outs and a Christmas movie day!

By Freya





# Junior Entrepreneur

5<sup>th</sup> Class have started the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They have learned all about entrepreneurs and are getting their projects ready for Dragon's Den Day!

By Faith



## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Hoodies

*Getting our 6<sup>th</sup> class hoodies was a super start to the year. We were all delighted to have the for the start of 6<sup>th</sup> class. We chose the colour peppermint. Everyone has been wearing them and loving them! We will be making lots of memories in these hoodies!*

*By Freya*





# Science Week



All classes participated in science week with lots of awesome projects and experiments. Infants tested if raisins float in still water, they didn't, but then they tested if they float in sparkling water and they did! 2nd class discovered how to make elephant tooth paste it was spectacular! 3<sup>rd</sup> class did the infamous EGG DROP the results were mixed but still a blast! 5<sup>th</sup> class took a different approach and a tastier one they explored science through Baking! Overall, it was a successful and fun SCIENCE WEEK!

BY SEB







# Science Quiz



Two teams from Dunderrow participated in the Lifetime Lab Primary Science Quiz in UCC. The 5<sup>th</sup> Class team was made up of Séimí, Charlie and Michael and the 6<sup>th</sup> Class team included Finn, George and Seb (me). The teams had so much fun and did quite well. A big thank you Ms Horan and Mr Giles for helping us prepare for the quiz!

By Seb





# Open Day

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October the school held its annual open day. The event opened with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class singing multiple lovely songs. The PA had a refreshments stand which all the parents and kids enjoyed. The sixth class pupils all took part in a different stands including ; the student council, chess, Say Yes to Languages. A really awesome stand was the magazine! 5<sup>th</sup> class had a science and a junior entrepreneur stand. Ms Glavin showed parents the infant classroom and told them all the lovely things they do in there. Overall it was a very successful day!  
By Seb







# KYSS - Mental Health Day



By Caelan

6<sup>th</sup> Class had a fun and educational day at Saile. They learned how to do CPR, got to try boxing, learned how to put out a fire, what to do in an ambulance and how to save someone in the sea. Upstairs in Sáile they went to two rooms, one was about all of our personalities and the other one was about how we feel and what makes us happy. It was a really interesting day!





# New Badminton Equipment

The new badminton equipment is so much fun.  
We can play volley ball, tennis and badminton.  
We got two nets, lots of shuttlecocks and 12 rackets.

We can play in the hall or the astro. Everyone has been loving it so far! The equipment was funded from last year's Junior Entrepreneurs.

By Thomas







# SharkFest



*5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes went to SharkFest in Kinsale Rugby Club in September. Everyone had a great day out and were so happy to play the matches that they all did great in.*

By Mia Dw and Mia Sc





# Halloween

*Halloween was a blast for Dunderrow N.S. The student council kindly organised lots of fun Halloween games such as 'Guess how many sweets are in the jar' (Well done Sophie Russell 3<sup>rd</sup> class), musical statues and a memory game. There were tons of brilliant costumes and everyone had a very entertaining Halloween.*

**By Ría**







# Trends & Crazes

Here are some of our favourite trends and crazes. I'm sure all of the teachers are very tired of people saying 67 all the time - especially in maths.

We are also loving 'clock it'. Finally, we still love slay! There are lots more trends out there and we are sure that there will be lots more next year too!

By Alice McCarthy &  
Jane Fitzgearld

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# Shoe Box Appeal

Many pupils in the school participated in Christmas shoe boxes where they all buy presents to send to people who live in poverty around the world. As always the pupils of Dunderrow were so kind and generous with their donations!



# Christmas Cards

The Parent's Association organised the annual Christmas Card fundraiser. Everyone had a chance to design their own set of Christmas cards. All classes enjoyed coming up with these fun and creative designs!





# Sponsored Walk

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November all classes participated in our school walk. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> walked for 5km and from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> walked to in the lane by the school walking for 2.5km!! Juniors and Seniors climbed the big hill. It was a beautiful day and everyone was absolutely delighted and are looking forward to next year already!

By Freya





# Christmas Plays

The Christmas plays are such a  
highlight of the year!  
We are so excited to see them all!

Juniors and Seniors-We are very excited for  
their play which is...(drum roll) Humph the  
Camel!

1st class-Tinsel and Teatowels (very good name!)

2<sup>nd</sup> class-The North Pole has got talent (it sure  
has)

3<sup>rd</sup> class- Home Alone (will be as good as the  
movie)

4<sup>th</sup> class-Christmas is Forever(I wish)

5<sup>th</sup> class- Scrooge(looking forward to it very  
much)

6th class-Shrek (It's going to be amazing!)

By Ría





# Water Safety Talk



All classes had a very interesting talk on water safety from a beach lifeguard.

Everyone learned about the dangers of the water and what to do if someone is in trouble in the water.

## Fire Safety Talk

On the 23 of October two members of the Kinsale Fire Brigade came to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class regarding fire safety. It was very interesting and they now know how to stay safe and prevent fires!



by Rachel







# Christmas Jokes



knock knock who's there?  
Pudding, pudding who?  
Pudding up the Christmas tree!

The gingerbread man went to the doctor and complained of a sore knee.  
The doctor said "did you try icing it?"

Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?  
Because it needed to be trimmed!

Did you hear about the ski trip  
it started off fine but went downhill fast!



How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?  
Nothing, it was on the house!

Knock knock, who's there?  
Snow! Snow who?  
Snow time to waste, its Christmas!!!



What never eats at Christmas?  
The turkey, it's usually stuffed!!

Why is it so cold at Christmas?  
Because its Decembrrrrrr

What do you call Santa when he stops moving?  
Santa pause!

where do you find a dancing snowman?  
At a snowball!







# Choir



Mrs Murphy and Mr Giles have started choir in our school for pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> up. It is great fun and everyone loves it!

It runs at break on Fridays.

We have been learning to sing 'Shake It Out' by Florence and the Machine.

We have all been enjoying it very much!!!







# Fun Christmas Wordsearch



Can you find all of the Christmas words and magazine team names we have hidden in our wordsearch?

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SEBASTIAN  
ORNAMENT  
CANDYCAN  
MSFENTON  
MRSCLAUS  
RUDOLPH  
BAUBLE  
CAELAN  
TINSEL  
RACHEL  
MIA SC  
THOMAS  
FAITH  
MIADW  
FREYA  
ELLEN  
ELVES  
SANTA  
ALICE  
JANE  
TREE  
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# Recipe: M&M Christmas Cookies

To make M&M Cookies you will need:

- Butter
- Sugar
- Eggs
- Vanilla
- All purpose flour
- and obviously your going to need M&M'S



## Method:

- You will start by putting the butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla in a bowl and then mix until its a soft mixture then add the flour and M&Ms
- Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius and keep checking on it.
- It should take about 20 mins
- Enjoy!

by Freya





**Have a magical Christmas  
from the Dunderrow Times  
team!**

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**