

An occasional newsletter to highlight school happenings

Borris NS News



Wishing you a Merry (and safe) Christmas 2020!

Photo sent in by a Mrs S. Claus of her husband on his way to Borris
Good news for insomniacs —
only one more sleep to Christmas!

Mrs Behan is very retiring!

Wishing pupils, parents, guardians, and all staff a peaceful Christmas and a very happy 2021 !



We marked Mrs Behan's last day with a wonderful outdoor assembly. She was given flowers and a commemorative book (by the oldest and youngest children) with contributions from every child in the school, before we sang a song with specially composed lyrics for her and ended with some carols. Goodbye and thank you!



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We welcome articles for the magazine. Hand them in to the office or email them to borrisnews@gmail.com
Contributions may be combined, edited, declined and/or deferred.

Some of our activities

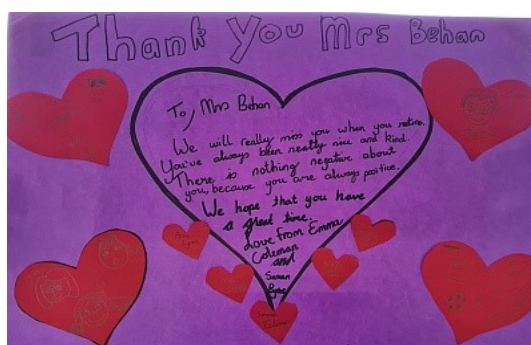


Each pod in fifth class made a poster to mark Mrs Behan's retirement.

We also made Christmas cards to send to Borris Lodge nursing home.



And, after reading "Under the Hawthorn Tree" we made our own famine village,



Mrs Behan is retiring as school principal on Jan 5th. When we come back after the Christmas we will have a new principal. The new principal will be...

Mr Coady! We wish Mr Coady well in his new job and we wish Mrs Behan all the best in her retirement. Below is a short interview with her carried out by our ace reporter Ava L.

Ava: How long have you been in the school?

Mrs Behan: I began teaching full time here in 1986 so that's 34 years.

A: How long have you been Principal?

Mrs B: I became Principal in 2014, when Mr O'Gorman retired. Six years.

A: What three things are you looking forward to doing when you retire?

Mrs B: I would like to go on more walks, do some hill-walking, travel more when it's safe, and try to get our garden in better shape!

A: What three things are you most proud of about the school?

Mrs B: That children seem happy, confident and glad to be part of our school family, that the school looks well, is in a beautiful setting, and that it has good facilities.



Polar pics & poems



Northern Lights by Kaiti
 Shining, twinkling, shimmering, sparkling
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 pink, purple, green, red
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 like a shimmer and a shine
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 It makes me smile like a child
 Northern lights, Northern lights



Northern Lights by Chloe O'Neill
 Flaming, glowing, twinkling, curling
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 green, purple, pink and blue
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 like a shining circle
 Northern lights, Northern lights,
 look above they're so nice
 Northern lights, Northern lights.

Second class has been looking at animals who live in the cold. Here are some of our pictures and poems.



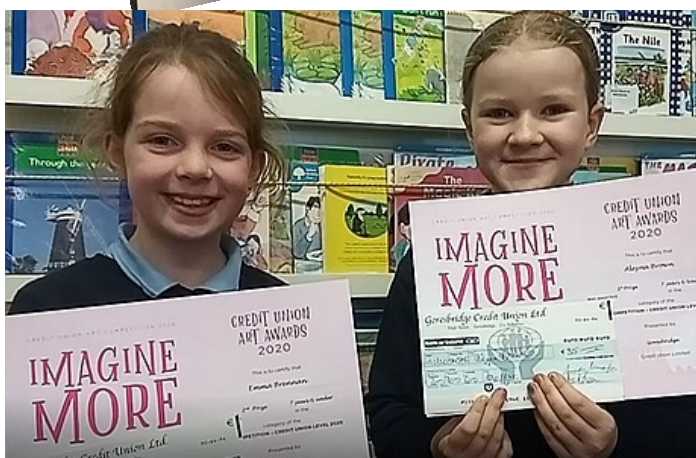
Junior Infants have been busy cutting, colouring and assembling—all very good for developing dexterity and coordination. Working together helps develop social skills like empathy, sharing, and taking turns, as well as speaking and listening skills.



Junk Art

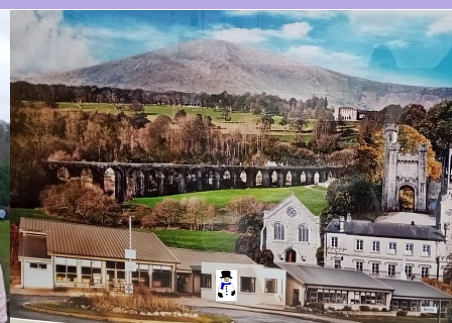


Making art from junk is great fun in Senior Infants. And it's good for the environment! It's a kind of recycling. It's great for fine motor skills (all that cutting and sticking) as well as judgement in selecting what to use.



Emma and Aleya from second class won First and Second prizes in the Imagine More art competition sponsored by Goresbridge Credit union. Here they are with their awards and prize money. Well done, girls!

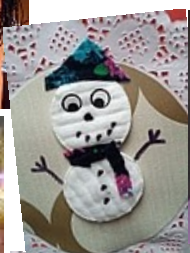




To mark her retirement, Mrs Behan was presented with this picture by the Parents' Association. It is a montage by artist Sarah Moloney of all the unique features of Borris. A very thoughtful present indeed...



Santa made a visit to the outside of our hall yesterday, so that classes (in their pods) could see him and sing carols through the window. (Santa is the jolly fat man in red - on the right!)



More of the children's great art work on the theme of Christmas.

Santa's Reindeer

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

We plan to be back on 6 Jan, 2021