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## Christmas Arrives at Bayside!



Christmas is almost upon us and Bayside school is abuzz with preparations. The children have put their hearts into decorating the school and rehearsing for the Nativity concert. Excitement fills the air as we near the Christmas holidays. Our class have been working hard since mid-term, putting together ideas, carrying out surveys of fellow students and compiling great Christmas-themed articles for this special December issue. So, sit back with a mug of something warm and festive and enjoy the read! Ms O'Brien.

The News, by Mae Brophy.

Guess what is back?

Pokémon has made a return due to some boys in Mrs Obrien's class. Yugio was super popular in the school until this strange return. It is still going strong but is starting to lose popularity. Who knows what will be the next craze?

3.Sports: Our school has many sports teams. A lot of our pupils

Chernobyl Mystery

Some people must wonder where the Chernobyl Children's Project fundraiser idea came from? Well it came from a story in 'Reading Zone' 4th class with Mr Reddy's previous class last year. Strange but true!

**CHRISTMAS SHOWDOWN!**



**VS**



Ms O'Brien's class are having a Christmas showdown! Everybody in that class have been practicing very hard in their groups to put on a special Christmas show for the whole school!

Bayside School's Top 5 Hottest Topics, by Zara Harford & Kate Dunne.



1.Trading Cards: Lately people have been trading cards in our yard such as Pokemon, Match Attax and more, trading cards are a fun and safe game in yard.



2.Video games: Lately in Bayside people have been talking about video games such as Fortnite and Roblox and many more games.



are in Fingal Athletics where they run in races. Our school also has team sports such as hurling and soccer.

4.Student Council: Every year we do student council and we make posters to show the school. You have to make a poster and show your class. The people who are running for student council will make a speech. Then the students vote which person will be student council class representative. Our class rep is Eoin Brogan.



5.Christmas: In our school Christmas time is a big thing we make Christmas hampers for St Vincent de Paul, make recycled Christmas decorations, make Christmas cards that our class makes, we do a Christmas concert and Santa comes in and gives us selection boxes.

What’s Going on in Bayside?

by Jamie Murphy, Matthew Boland, Eoin Brogan & Darragh Wilkinson.

Christmas is on the way kids and are buzzing but there is still work to do!

Check list:

The book fair was a great success (thanks to PABS). ✓

4th class have been swimming at Sportslink. ✓

The St Vincent De Paul’s collection was a great success – we collected 3 car loads! ✓

Movie night on the 17<sup>th</sup> (thanks again to PABS).

The classes have to choose a Green schools rep.

We are doing our class play on 20<sup>th</sup> December for the rest of the school.

The school is closing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December for Christmas holidays.

Everybody is happy! ✓

SPORTS NEWS

Fingal Athletics

By Dylan De Wilde and Calum Richards.

We are getting on well in Fingal. We have a good team this year. We won 3 years in a row. Third and Fourth class train together, while Fifth and Sixth class train together.

Here are survey results about what type of running people in Ms O’Brien’s class prefer:

Short distance running: 13 people

Long distance running: 15 people

What type do you prefer?

Premier League Update, by Kevin Cotter.

This December's premier league has been great. Manchester United are now in 5<sup>th</sup> place, just behind Spurs. Leicester is second in the league. Jamie Vardy is now top scorer with 16 goals. Liverpool is still at the top, unbeaten with a 10 point lead.



Top 5 Footwear this Christmas, by Timo Tryhorn.

Welcome to the December issue. Today we will talk about the top five new football boots for children this Christmas:

- 5. New adidas Predator boots
- 4. New Neymar boots
- 3. New Nemeziz boots
- 2. Nike 270s
- 1. Nike 720s

Vote for your favorite shoes:

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| Nike 720s      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nike Vapor Max | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Baking Time!

Christmas Cookies



Ingredients :

1/2 teaspoon of salt

3 cups of plain flour

One cup of unsalted butter

One cup of granulated sugar

One teaspoon of vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

One egg

Two teaspoons of baking powder

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Mix cream, butter and sugar together in a bowl until smooth, at least 3 minutes.
3. Beat in extracts and egg.
4. In a separate bowl, mix the baking powder and salt with flour and add a little at a time to the wet ingredients. The dough will be very stiff. If it becomes too stiff for your mixer turn out the dough onto a countertop surface. Wet your hands and finish off kneading the dough by hand.
5. DO NOT CHILL THE DOUGH. Divide into batches, roll out onto a floured board and cut. You want these cookies to be thick.
6. Bake at 350° F for 6-8 minutes. Let cool on the cookie sheet.
7. Decorate and enjoy!

By Imke White



HOW TO... PLAY POKÉMON CARDS, by Faolán McMenamin.



These rules will tell you everything you need to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game.

Your deck of cards represents your Pokémon as well as items and allies that help you on your adventures. Trading card games are strategy based and use collectible cards to let each player customize their game. The best way to learn to play the Pokémon TCG is with a Trainer Kit. This has two ready-to-play 30-card decks that walk you through the game, step by step. From there, try a theme deck to get an idea of the different kinds of decks out there. You can also try Battle Arena Decks, which offer two ready-to-play 60-card decks designed to go head to head for an intense battle! Once you're ready, you can start building your collection of cards with Pokémon TCG booster packs. Trade with your friends for the strongest Pokémon or collect all your favorites! Then, build your own 60-card deck, play with your friends, and show off your own personal Pokémon team!

POKÉMON TCG BASIC CONCEPTS HOW TO WIN

In the Pokémon TCG, your Pokémon battle your opponent's Pokémon. The first player to take all of their Prize cards wins! Also, if your opponent has no Pokémon left in play, or no cards left to draw at the beginning of their turn, you win the game! Pokémon Knock Out opposing Pokémon by using attacks or Abilities. To power their attacks, Pokémon need Energy cards. The Pokémon TCG has 11 Energy types, and you will find Pokémon matching all 11 types in the game. Each Energy type powers different attacks. Find the ones that match your personality!

These are the Energy types:

**GRASS** Grass-type Pokémon often have attacks that heal themselves or leave their opponents Poisoned.

**FIRE** Fire-type Pokémon have big attacks! They can leave their opponents Burned, but their attacks need time to build up again.



**WATER** Water-type Pokémon can manipulate Energy and move Pokémon around on the other team.

**FIGHTING** Fighting-type Pokémon can take bigger risks to do extra damage, and some can flip coins for combination hits.

**DARKNESS** Darkness-type Pokémon feature sneaky attacks that often make opponents discard cards!

**METAL** Metal-type Pokémon can resist attacks for longer than most other Pokémon.

**LIGHTNING** Lightning-type Pokémon can bring back used Energy from the discard pile—and they can leave their opponents paralyzed.

**PSYCHIC** Psychic-type Pokémon are great for special powers! Their opponents often find themselves Asleep, Confused, or Poisoned.

**COLORLESS** Colorless-type Pokémon have lots of different moves, and they work with any kind of deck.

**DRAGON** Dragon-type Pokémon have very strong attacks, but often require two Energy types to use them.

**FAIRY** Fairy-type Pokémon have tricks that will make opposing Pokémon's attacks less effective.

THE POKÉMON CRAZE. By Cathal Cavanagh & Faolán McMenamin.

We carried out a survey of Bayside School students to find out which Pokémon cards were the most popular. The results are in!

Bayside School Favorite Pokémon Cards:

Blastoise 7 votes



Sceptile 12 votes



Gengar 14 votes



Venusaur 14 votes



Mew 32 votes



Charizard 83 votes





Christmas 2019 Top 10 Books

By Daniel Ecock & Oran O'Sullivan.

Here are the top 10 books to get for Christmas for 3rd-6th Class! There are thousands upon thousands of books to choose from, but here are the top 10 we have chosen.

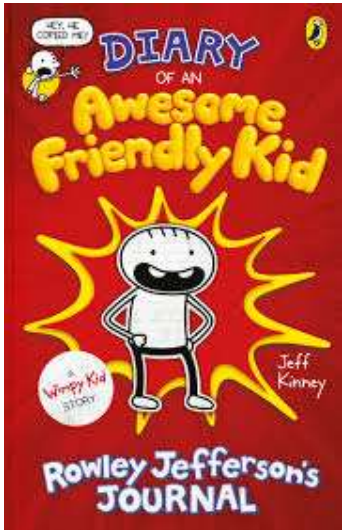
10. 8000 Facts You Should Know

A book filled with awesome facts you should know! From dinosaurs to ancient tribes, this is a must buy for children with a mind to learn more and more!

9. Dog Man: The First Book

An amazing comic-book! Perfect for any reader, awesome funny, and you get engaged into the story!

8. Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid



Based on the perspective of Rowley, you take a look into what Rowley feels like with Greg.

7. The Witches

An amazing book to see what it's like if witches were real.

6. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball

When the Heffleys try to improve their house, it turns it's not as easy as they think. Will they be able to survive all of this? Or will they have to move out?

5. Harry Potter: Philosopher's Stone

The first book in a series of amazing, twists and turns and adventures that Harry Potter undergoes, and there is also a series of movies! Read first, watch next.

4. Dog Man: Fetch 22



The second Dog Man book on the list based on catch 22 a great book starring flippy the fish!!!

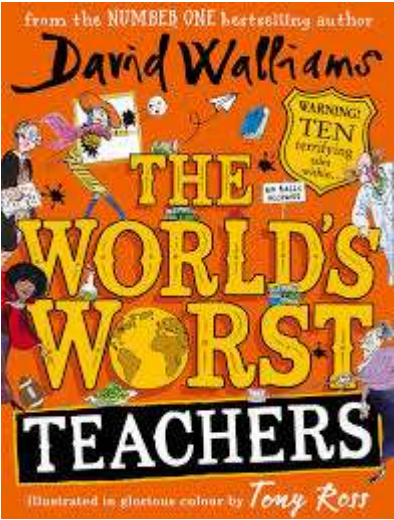
3. Who Was? Series

A series of interesting, good biographies. With information about Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart, the Twin Towers, the Berlin Wall and more – everything is here in these books!

2. Tom Gates: Spectacular School Trip

The latest release – follow Tom as he goes on an amazing school trip!

1.The World's Worst Teachers



An awesome book for everyone to enjoy! Take a look at some of the students who have it the worst! You think you have it hard with homework? Look at these students and teachers!

Thanks for reading! These are not done in order of importance, or how good we think they are. This is solely based on the opinion of the writers.

Top Christmas Movies.

by Matthew Boland, Eoin Brogan & Darragh Wilkinson.



According to our school survey, the most popular Christmas movies in Bayside SNS are:

- Elf
- Arthur Christmas
- The Polar Express
- Deck the Halls
- The Christmas Chronicle
- Miracle on 34th Street
- Nativity
- Frozen II



Movies of the year in Bayside school:

- Spider-Man: Far from Home
- Avengers Endgame
- Toy story 4
- Captain Marvel
- The Secret Life of Pets 2



- Shazam!
- Frozen 2



Top ten things to get kids under 12 this Christmas:



Top ten things to get kids under 12 this Christmas:  
By Kyra Downey

10. Board games8 votes
9. Art equipment11 votes
8. Trading Cards18 votes
7. Lego20 votes



6. Books20 votes
5. Teddys20 votes
4. Pets42 votes
3. Bikes, scooters, roller blades & skateboards55 votes
2. Ipads and tablets68 votes
1. Console80 votes



Festive Jokes, by Melanie Doyle



- 1.What do you get if you meet a vampire in a blizzard?
- 2.How does the snow globe feel at Christmas time?

Christmas Word Search

By Lilly Whelan

- STOCKINGS
- REINDEER
- SANTA
- SNOW
- HOTCHOCLATE
- MS CLAUS
- COOKIESANDMILK
- TURKEY
- SNOWMAN
- PRESENTS
- ELF
- CHIMNEY

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Happy Pets at Christmas, by Cathal Cavanagh.



How will we know if our pets are happy this Christmas? All of us show our happiness in different ways. Humans smile, dogs wag their tails and cats purr. Cats may also purr to relax themselves before they go to sleep. Don't forget to look after your pets this Christmas and keep them happy too!

Christmas Around the World.  
By Melanie Doyle.



Christmas in India

Christmas is quite a small festival in India, due to the number of people who are Christians (about 2.3%) compared to people who belong to other religions. Having said that, the population of India

is over 1 Billion, so there are over 25 million Christians in India. Churches in India are decorated with Poinsettia flowers and candles for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass service. Nativity scenes, known as Presépio are very popular. Christmas plays called 'Os Pastores' (The Shepherds), like the plays in Mexico, are also popular. In the Brazilian versions of the play, there's also traditionally a shepherdess and a woman who tries to steal baby Jesus!

Christmas in China

In China, only about one percent of people are Christians, so Christmas is only often celebrated in major cities. Santa Claus is called 'Shen Dan Lao Ren'. The postmen might dress up as Santa when delivering letters. If people do have a tree it is normally plastic and decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns.

Christmas in Greece



On Christmas Eve, children go out singing 'kalanda' (carols) in the streets. They play drums and triangles as they sing. Sometimes they will also carry model boats decorated with nuts which are painted gold. Carrying a boat is a very old custom in the Greek islands. An old and very traditional decoration is a shallow wooden bowl with a piece of wire suspended across the rim. A sprig of basil wrapped around a wooden cross and hangs from the wire. Once a day they dip the cross and basil into some holy water and uses it to sprinkle water in each room of the house.

Christmas in Israel

Although the Christmas story took place in Israel, Christmas isn't widely celebrated in the country at all! Only about 2.5% of the population of Israel are Christians. Christmas is not a public holiday across most of Israel.

For most people in Israel, Christmas is a normal working day and in major cities, such as Jerusalem, you're fairly unlikely to see many signs of Christmas, unless you go to 'tourist' areas. The Jewish festival of Hanukkah is often celebrated around the same time as Christmas.

Reindeer Quiz!

Which Type of Reindeer are you?



- Dasher; loves to go fast
- Dancer; completely confident
- Prancer; vain but affectionate
- Vixen; slightly tricky
- Comet; good with kids
- Cupid; affectionate
- Donner; loud
- Blitzen; very loud
- Rudolph; a little down on himself
- Olive; admits when she's wrong

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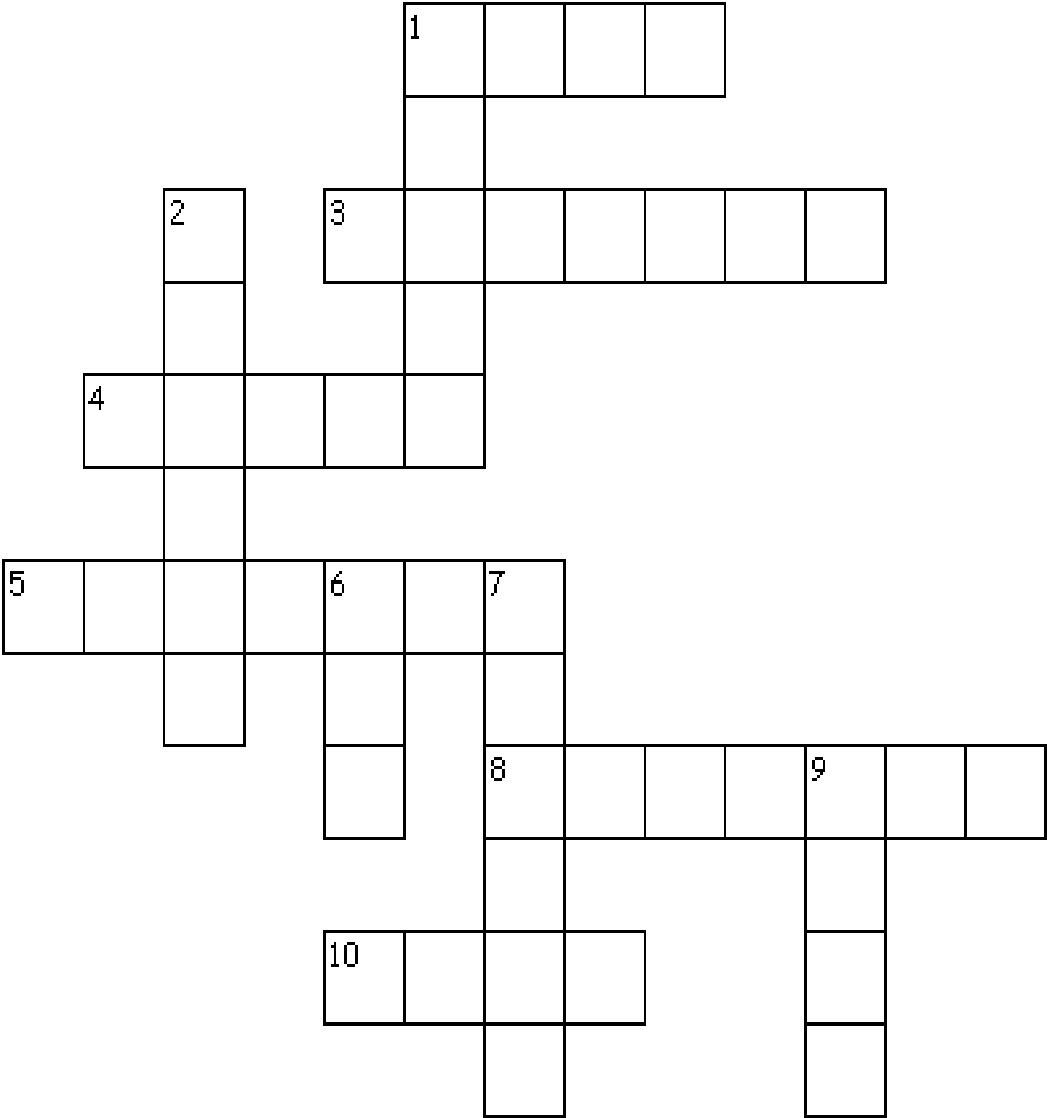
Bay Press Christmas Crossword, by Aoibh Moore.

Across:

- 1. A white frost on the ground.
- 3. You build it with snow.
- 4. You usually have it on a cold evening.
- 5. You get them on Christmas morning.
- 8. The reindeer with the red nose.
- 10. You decorate it with tinsel and lights.

Down:

- 1. Who brings your presents?
- 2. You wear them on your hands when it is cold.
- 6. Who makes your presents?
- 7. You usually have it for dinner on Christmas.
- 9. You send it to Santa.



We wish you a Very Merry Christmas!

