



The Student Voice



First Edition

For children, by children.

Christmas 2024

Welcome to the first edition of The Student Voice, the new Student Council run newsletter. This newsletter will include fact files, a word search and much more, but you'll just have to read it to find out! We would like to thank everyone who helped make The Student Voice.
Scoil Mhuire Student Council

A Look Back at our First Term

This term in **Scoil Mhuire, Marino** we had lots of exciting things happen such as great wins and hard work from our two **Gaelic Football** teams and the installation of our new **outdoor classroom** where we have a great view of **Griffith Avenue**.

Outside we also got a Wormery and held a competition to name the worms. Some of the names selected were **Sir Wormsalot** and **Wormasaurus Rex**.

There's been lots of teaching and learning going on all term, and for **Maths Week** this year we we did a Harry Potter escape room!

Our **Student Council** have had a busy few months, enjoying Zoom meetings with other **Edmund Rice** schools across Ireland, and a very exiting trip to **Arás an Uachtaráin**.

Our second classes transition to a new school was made a little easier by their 6th Class **buddies**. They've enjoyed lots of activities together such as playing Monopoly and making Christmas cards.

Our **Christmas Spirit** week is almost here with fun activities planned with each day.

Sadly, Wednesday will be our last **Wellbeing** Wednesday of 2024 with a pyjama day to fundraise for the Dublin Simon Community and the UN Gaza appeal.

A really big thank you to all the teachers and all the staff for their hard work this term and to the wonderful **Parents Association** for all their help with the **Cake Sale**, the **Library**, and the **Book Fair**.

Word Search

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To complete our Word Search, read about all we've done this term and look for the words in **this font**.



Christmas Crackers

Why didn't the baubles go to dinner?

What do you call a snowman with a six pack?

What do you call an old snowman?

Why was Santa's little helper feeling so down?

Who is never hungry on Christmas eve?

What did the angry snowman say to the annoying carrot?

Fact File

Did you know that worms have existed for 600 million years?

There are 34,000 different types of worms.

There are around 2,700 different types of Earthworms.

In one acre of land (approximately 4000m²) there are more than a million Earthworms!

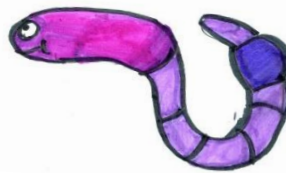
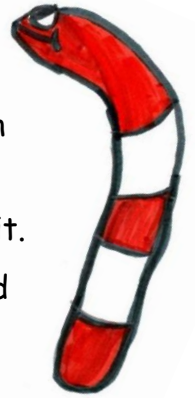
Worms don't have eyes but they can sense the light and move away from it.

Worms eat dead plants, dead animals, animal waste, fruits, vegetables and paper.

Worms can regenerate their bodies!

One worm has 5 hearts!

The longest species of worm is the bootlace worm. Its scientific name is *Lineus Longissimus*. If you stretch it out it could span almost to two metres.



Ho, Ho, Ho, Hold on!

We plan to produce one issue of *The Student Voice* each term. If you have like what you've read, and if you have ideas for articles or features, please put them in your class's Student Council notebook.

Christmas holidays are coming shortly so we would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We hope you have a nice break and we look forward to seeing everyone back again in January.

Thanks for reading our first newsletter, we hope you enjoyed the facts and articles.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

Christmas Crackers: Answers

1. Because they were just hanging around.
2. An abdominal snowman
3. Water!
4. He had low elf-esteem.
5. The turkey, because he's always stuffed.
6. Get out of my face!

