



## The School Blog

### First Off- A MASSIVE THANK YOU AND APOLOGY!

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In this school blog our top stories will be...

First off, thanks so much for clicking on this link. The team and I work so hard and love to see our work being enjoyed! Sorry we haven't been in since OCTOBER! How you been!? But anyway... we have an ACTION-PACKED 13 pages for you to enjoy! I'm also delighted to announce that we have a TON of feature writers this issue including... Tilda and Leo! In this school blog our top stories will be...

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## Valentines Day- everything you need to know!



Before people come after me, Valentine's Day totally IS a proper holiday! I know some people have different opinions, that's fine, but some people seem to think that Valentine's Day is just an excuse for shop marketing, but THAT'S NOT TRUE! Ok, I do like a Valentines Mr. Kipling cake occasionally, but it's not all about the food! Valentine's Day is about appreciating the ones you love most and celebrating them! Here are some fun ideas for a love filled day...

One of the classics but an absolute goodie... **A DIY family movie night!** Grab some popcorn and pick a movie of your choice! All you really need are some blankets, your favourite movie and some snacks! If you feel un-inspired, here are a few Valentines themed kids' movies to enjoy...

- 😊 Gnomeo and Juliet – Netflix
- 😊 Trolls – Netflix
- 😊 The Little Mermaid – Disney+
- 😊 Beauty and The Beast – Disney+
- 😊 The Lady and the Tramp – Disney+
- 😊 Shrek – Prime Video
- 😊 Enchanted - Prime Video

**Bake some sweet, delicious treats!** Show someone you love just how much you do by baking them a yummy cookie or cupcake, or even if you are short of time, get a shop bought cake! Grab some icing, sprinkles and decorations and have a fun time with your friends or family and create a customised and special bake they will love. Here are some links to some perfect plain recipes to decorate to your heart's content...

- 😊 <https://www.janespatisserie.com/2015/10/12/vanilla-cupcakes/>
- 😊 <https://www.janespatisserie.com/2023/01/20/valentines-sandwich-cookies/>

☺ <https://www.janespatisserie.com/2022/02/04/red-velvet-truffles/>

☺ <https://www.janespatisserie.com/2016/02/12/valentines-chocolate-bark/>

Note: Valentines Day this year is on a Friday, so it is a perfect celebratory day!  
There is also a bake sale going on in school!

**You can make Valentines Day cards!** It can be for a friend, family member, grandparents, sibling, mum, dad etc. You can do super-duper cute designs and motifs and show someone just how much you love them! This is also a cheap present for someone who does not have a lot of money.



## Pancake Tuesday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As you may have picked up already, this blog is all about HOLIDAYS! And pancake day on the 4<sup>th</sup> is a **march holiday** you cannot miss! Just imagine-a high stack of delicious, pan-fried goodness (American or crepe-you choose!) With all the toppings you could ever dream of!

Chocolate spread, syrup, berries, yoghurt, cream, fruit, peanut butter, jam, lemon and sugar plus so much more! ... Yep. That's the glory of pancake day! I've heard that in some families, it is a tradition to have pancakes for every single meal that day! I interviewed a few people in my class about their favourite pancake toppings, here's what they had to say!

'I love lemon and sugar, but Nutella is a close second'- Olivia, class teacher

'Nutella. Just Nutella. Occasionally I put icing sugar on top, but Nutella is my go-to. My mum sometimes melts chocolate on top'

'Chocolate spread. Not Nutella. I HATE Nutella.'

'Nutella.'

‘Probably... raspberries. Or maybe jam.’

‘Lemon and sugar. No, actually... honey, honey. I love honey.

‘I like Nutella. I like Nutella, strawberries... and whipped cream.’

## Here are 10 TOP FACTS about Pancake Day!

1. Pancake Tuesday is also known as Shrove Tuesday!
2. Pancake Tuesday is a Christian Festival!
3. It always falls 47 days before Easter
4. The name ‘Shrove Tuesday’ comes from the word ‘shriving!’
5. The first Pancake Tuesday was in 1445
6. The most pancake flips in a minute is 140!
7. There are lots of different types of pancakes-even savoury!
8. Around 52 million eggs are used worldwide on Pancake Tuesday!
9. The biggest pancake in the world was over 15 metres long!
10. And you can make pancakes with only THREE ingredients!



And that leads into our recipe this issue- a recipe for CREPES! ENJOY!



- 175g plain flour
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- 3 eggs
  - 450ml milk
  - oil or butter for frying

## **Method**

### **Step 1**

Weigh the flour in a large jug or bowl. Crack in the eggs, add half the milk and a pinch of salt. Whisk to a smooth, thick batter. Add the remaining milk and whisk again. Set aside.

### **Step 2**

Heat a large non-stick frying pan. Add a drizzle of oil or a small slab of butter. When the pan is hot, add enough batter to just cover the surface, swirling it and pouring any excess back into the bowl. The pancake should be as thin as possible. When the edges are peeling away from the sides of the pan, shake it to see if the pancake easily releases and is browning on the underside. If not, cook a little longer. Flip and cook the other side for a minute or two. Serve, or keep warm in a low oven.

Add your favourite toppings and voilà!

Here is some of the team's favourites!

- Nutella
- Lemon and Sugar
- Fruit
- Cream
- Syrup
- Jam
- And more!



## **Midterm Activities!**

This is another feature written by Tilda and Greg\*!

### **Now for Tilda!**

During the midterm you can do a lot of things like go swimming, watch movies, go play with friends and more. Here is a small list of things to do.

Play outside, bake, make food, go to the shops, road trip and play games. Hope this helped you get some ideas for your midterm break. Thank you.

### **Now for Greg!**

Hi so for my midterm I suggest you could do lots of things. You could do crafts and draw, you could learn how to knit, or finger knit, maybe crochet, you can go on YouTube and get great videos saying how to do it, I would highly recommend finger knitting, it's really easy, you just need yarn and fingers! here's a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfkMDcNygL4> you could play outside, invent games and you can read, the library has really good books you can borrow for free. You can watch some movies, go to the playground is a good one because it is free and fun and there is no limit to how long you can stay. You could go to a cafe in Maynooth there are so many like Sasta, DMD Cafe, Willow and Wild, Costa, Shoda and more! You could visit family friends, go to Dublin and play some board games. Most of these are free but some cost a little bit of money. so that is my midterm ideas, thank you so much for listening and reading this, hopefully this will help you with some holiday boredom.

\*Greg is not the writer's real name; they would like to stay anonymous



### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class mixed football tournament BY LEO**

This month the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class mixed mini-internal football tournament has started. With an intense lineup it's anyone's guess who will win!!! The boys are divided into 9 different teams in two groups. The teams are Atalanta, team captain: Tate, Milan, team captain: Oisin G, Dortmund, team captain: Ruhaan, Inter, team captain: Jacob, Sporting ,team captain: Dastin, Leverkusen ,team captain: Eddy, Monaco,

team captain: Bobby, Barcelona, team captain: Daniel and Benfica, team captain: Isaac.

Now onto the girls. The girls have only one group with five teams: Lazio, team captain: Hannah, Athletic club, team captain: Neriah, Anderlecht, team captain: Sofia F, Lyon, team captain: Tara and Ajax, team captain: Eli.

## FIXTURES

**ROUND 1 for the boys:** Barcelona v Inter [6 –0] to Barcelona

Dortmund v Benfica [1-0] to Benfica

Leverkusen v Monaco [2-2]

Atalanta v Sporting [4-0] to Atalanta

**ROUND 2 for the boys:** Milan v Benfica [2-1] to Benfica

Dortmund v Barcelona [1-0] Dortmund

Sporting v Leverkusen [3-2] Sporting

Atalanta v Monaco [6-2] Atalanta

Now for the girls' fixtures

Lazio v ajax [0-0]

Anderlecht v Lyon [3-1] Anderlecht

Athletic club v Anderlecht [1-0] Anderlecht

Lyon v Lazio [0-0]

[ there was only one round for the girls with the bottom two teams in a playoff]



## PLAYOFF FOR THE BOYS

The playoff is to get through to the quarter finals the two teams are ...

INTER v LEVERKUSEN

With Daniel in 5<sup>th</sup> class injured with a sprained foot he needed a replacement, and he picked Leo to a step in for him.

The final score was 4-1 to Leverkusen

Leo scored 3 goals, Eddy scored 1 goal and for the other team, Jacob scored 1 goal, so sadly we had to say goodbye to Inter 😞

### PLAYOFF FOR THE GIRLS

The match was between Lyon v Athletic club

It was a great match to watch

There was a lot of screaming, shouting, booing and yahooping

With the full-time score being 0-0 it went to extra time, and we were even treated to our first penalty shootout.

As everyone gathered round to watch the teams it was very intense. Only 1 girl, Eloise, managed to score, leading in a win for Athletic Club and Lyon knocked out 😞



The girl's semi-finals are lined up with Lazio v Ajax and Anderlecht v Athletic Club!!!

The boy's semi-finals are lined up with Benfica v Leverkusen and Milan v Monaco

Who will win is the real question, here is what people think

### OPIONIONS

Tara thinks Monaco will win. Gennaro thinks his team will win [ unfortunately they are knocked out] Grace is rooting for her team Anderlecht to win. Amelie wants her team to win-Ajax. Alex Mc thinks Benfica is going to win. Eli thinks



Anderlecht is going to win but she is hopeful for her team Ajax to win. I [Leo] personally believe in my team [COME ON BENFICA!!!]

I'll be back next month with a detailed analysis of the semi-finals and finals and maybe some other sports related news. Thanks.



## MR. STUPIDO STRIKES AGAIN by

Amélie

A few months ago, Mr. Stupido was supposed to do a project. Today was the day he was supposed to hand it in. As usual he forgot that today was the day and still had not done it. He told the teacher that he had forgotten the project because his grandma had died.

‘Mr. Stupido, you have used that excuse five times.’ ‘How many grandmas do you have?’ inquired the teacher. ‘Um, some were my grandpa’s,’ he said brightly. ‘I am not taking that as an excuse anymore,’ said the teacher frustratedly. ‘I am sure you just forgot as normal,’ the teacher continued.

‘I am giving you one more chance and if it's not done there will be a lot of trouble.’ And with that the teacher went.

‘Mr. Stupido, what's the trouble about?’ sneered the other children.

Later that day he decided to work on his project, but he got distracted. He had seen his TV was on and got distracted playing video games.

The next day his teacher said, 'Where is your project Mr. Stupido?' knowing quite well he had probably forgotten. 'I got distracted teacher, um, playing video games,' Mr. Stupido said. 'Mr. Stupido not again, this is absolutely the LAST STRAW! I HAVE LOST MY PATIENCES WITH YOU!' he shouted. 'I am calling your parents and in the meanwhile go to the principal's office NOW!' he said a bit more calmly. 'But-but I have not had my lunch yet,' he said. 'Your lunch is the least of my worries right now!' the teacher yelled.

So, off he went to the principal's office. He made his way down the corridor and when he came to the door he knocked. But he froze just as he had finished knocking. In the room were his...

...PARENTS! He couldn't believe that his parents were already there. 'Who is it?' asked the principal. 'Um, um, it's um, Mr. Stupido,' he said nervously. 'Ah, come in, we were just talking about your grades,' she said calmly. He walked in. Just as he closed the door his teacher barged in. 'Call Mr. Stupido's parents...' The teacher froze. 'W-w-what? That's them, why are they here?' he stammered. 'His grades have been slipping so I called a meeting with his parents,' his principal said. 'Why? Do you have another complaint?' she said jokingly. 'Actually, yes, I do for a matter of fact,' he said seriously.

His principal was shocked. 'Surely not another one. A teacher just came in saying he was throwing toilet paper around the hall!' she queried. 'Well, yes, I do have another complaint! He forgot to do his science project again.' 'What? This is the fifth time I have had this complaint about him.'

'I WILL ABSOLUTLY NOT HAVE HIM AS A STUDENT ANYMORE. HAVE I MADE THAT CLEAR?' yelled his teacher. [See what happens next in the next blog...]

## **Valentine's Day Themed Jokes!!**



**What did one bee say to the other?**

I love bee-Ing with you, honey.

**What did the tree say to the houseplant?**

Do you be leaf in love?

**What do you call two birds in love?**

Tweethearts!

**What did the refrigerator say to the magnet?**

I find you very attractive.

**What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?**

I'm stuck on you!

**What flower gives the most kisses on Valentine's Day?**

Tulips

Watch out for our next edition



SEE YOU NEXT TIME FROM ALL THE TEAM  
AMÉLIE, ELI AND LEO. SEE YOU SOON!!!!