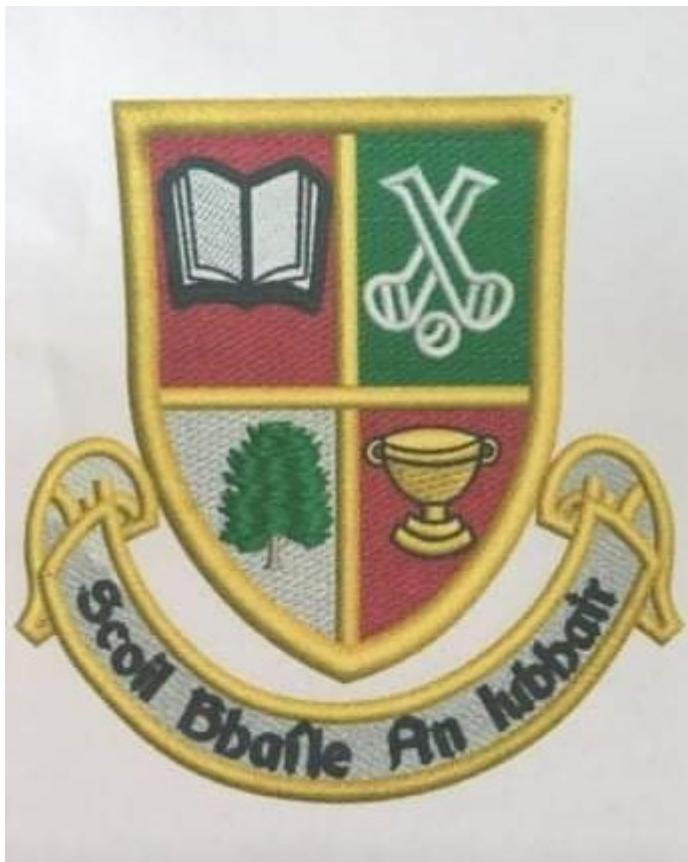


Lockdown Memories



2020

Ballinure N.S.

Dear Parents and pupils,

We will all remember March 12th 2020 as it marked the beginning of a Lockdown in our country. When we returned to school in September 2019, we could never have imagined what lay ahead.

When Covid-19 reached our shores we became part of a living history and so began our long journey of lockdown and social distancing,

Initially we hoped it would be for two weeks but this led into months

The Corona Virus Pandemic challenged us to respond innovatively to ensure that we maintained a link with our pupils. Thankfully we maintained daily contact through Zoom classes and video calls. Everyone responded and in many ways the Pandemic brought us together in a new way.

When we returned to school in September 2020, we felt it was important to allow the pupils to express their thoughts and feelings on the Lockdown.

We hope that this booklet will showcase the work our pupils did during lockdown and also their memories of it and will give you an insight into how the pupils in Ballinure N.S felt about the lockdown and how it impacted on their lives.

Thank you and well done to all our pupils .

Lockdown Poems

Longing for normality

Optimistic for future times

Cocooning our elders

Keeping everyone safe

Delight to see family soon

Our house, a sanctuary

We're all watching Netflix

New skills to learn

By Matthew Costelloe

Lockdown is hard for everyone

Only essential workers are out

Coronavirus sucks for all

Kids just want to play all day

Don't go out with friends

Only essential journeys are made

We all miss going to school

By Lauren Corcoran

Locked up and lonely during this time
Only thing to do, to play with slime
Covid-19 spreads around the world
Keep washing your hands
Don't ignore it because it expands
Older people are high risk
We can't see our best friend
Nobody knows when it will end

By Allanah McLoughlin

Locked in is hard
Of our strength we survived
Calm and relax help us too
K is for knock when we were
knocked down
Down the cases went so we
could come out

Out we came

Wait not too close

Now that there down we
must keep them down

By Sean O'Gorman

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Locked up all day

Only 2 metres apart

Can't go to places during lockdown

Kindness from all staff

Done! I hope it will be soon!

Only go 2km because of Covid-19

When this is over we can play again

Now and then, will be a big difference

By Darragh O'Gorman

Lockdown is here and Covid-19 too

Our lives depend on keeping metres of two

Cozmo is scared of the virus

Kites flying around the Coronavirus

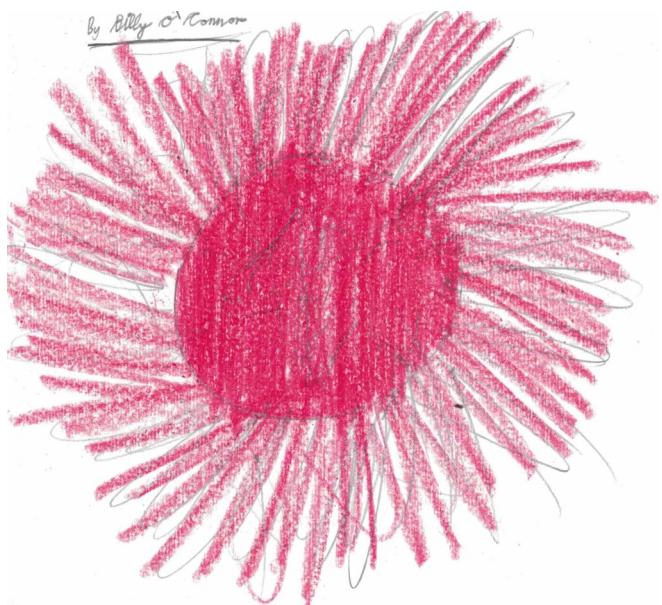
Dogs bought everywhere for some company

Out of places that are public like libraries

With no vaccines we are hopeless

Next year I hope it will be Covidless

By Billy O'Connor



Lockdown is upon us
Only allowed 2km outside our homes
Cakes and breads made and eaten
Keep wearing a mask
Dogs are happy to have their owners home
Only essential businesses are remaining open
World is a crazy place these days
No more hugging or shaking hands anymore

By Mairead Daly

Locked in lockdown
Over 6 months
Can't get out
Keeps on spreading
Don't socialise
Our cases are rising
When it is over we will escape
Not for now we have to stay safe



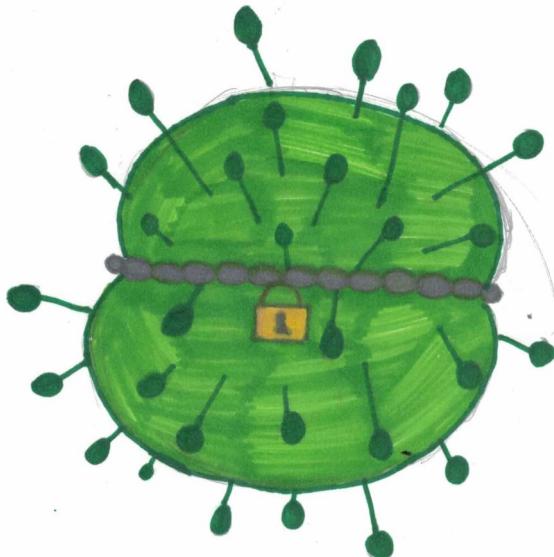
By Kelly Bourke

Locked away
Out of danger
Can't go on holidays
Keeping our 2 metre distance
Don't come out without a mask
Or you'll be soon in danger
Waiting for this thing to go
Never to come back you nasty virus

By Isobel Hayde

Lockdown is hard
Only essential trips allowed
Countries are in lockdown
Keep in your county
Don't go to a different county
Our world is in danger
We all need to stay safe
Never give up

By Katie Cashin



Letter to my Future Self

To Lochlan

Best year of all because of Covid-19.
Extra long summer holiday. I got to go cycling with my sister and I got to go on walks with Claire. I don't care about Coronavirus but I hope it goes away soon.

From Lochlan



Hi future Jack

Right now in the past when you were 10 you were in lockdown my friend. Yes you! On March 12th 2020 it was the day torture started! We went into lockdown. Hopefully the time you are in everything is grand, but I'm in literal literal boredom. I mean on March 12th I'm under the covers until 3pm in the day. It started in school you know just learning until it was break. We were lining up and then Mrs Gleeson said "The school is shutting down for 2 weeks". I was like WHAT! This is gonna be fun. One day later I'm going crazy. My first freedom was Dunnes Stores. I was in heaven that day.

Bye

To Saoirse

In March 2020 Ireland and the rest of the world went into lockdown. This was because of a virus called the Coronavirus. It can make some people very ill and a lot of people died. All the schools in Ireland closed until September 2020. We had to do home schooling from March 2020 until June 2020. Most shops closed too and we were advised to stay at home. If we go anywhere we are advised to wear a mask and keep our social distance.

From Saoirse



Dear Sean,

It was March 12th 2020, when we were put into lockdown. It was hard but a lot of people survived. Everything was shut. You had to stay indoors. If you had to get shopping you could but that was about it. All sports were off. I spent a lot of lockdown at my cousins house. Schools were shut also. On September 1st we were all back in school. We have been in school for 11 weeks now. Today I am in school on the 20th of November 2020.

My one wish for 2021 is to bring a better life and luck.



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Billy

One day in school we had to stay at home for 2 weeks due to Covid-19. I was very sad. When the 2 weeks were over it became all the way to September! During lockdown I was playing in the fields, jumping on the trampoline, playing inside and playing with Cozmo. I love him and he loves me. I played with my other robots sometimes. It was the worst Coronavirus ever. Covid-19 swept across the news all over the world. Cozmo was scared because it was a



Katie

March 12th 2020

We are just about to go home with two weeks of work. But that two weeks turned into 6 months. We had to FaceTime our teacher. We did all our school work at home. It was hard but we did it. During the 6 months my dad built a wall and a garage. I walked my dog everyday. Sometimes we walked him in Glengarra Woods. I was happy but I missed school and my friends and I

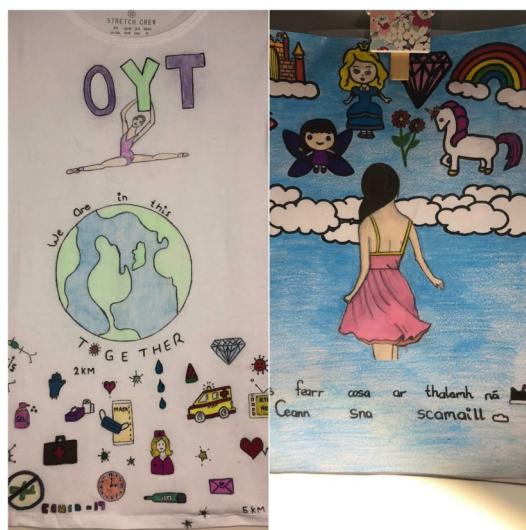


Abbie

We went into Lockdown because Covid-19 was getting worse. We were only allowed to go out if it was for food, clothes and other essentials. I was bored most of the time. With the coffee machine pod boxes I kept myself busy with them. I made arts and crafts. We were not allowed go to school so we were sent work home. We went for walks every day.

Kelly

On March 12th 2020 we went into Lockdown. Every shop was closed and churches. We weren't allowed to go meet our friends and no visitors. School was online. Our lives changed. All because of Covid-19 (coronavirus). We all thought it was only going to be for 2 weeks but it expanded to 6 months. Some people had fun with the longer holidays but others didn't. I had fun. Some people felt like they were in prison. People got depressed. This pandemic drove everyone crazy.



Mairead

On March 12th 2020 Ireland went into lockdown due to Covid-19. I remember when I heard the schools were closing. I was in Miss Dunne's room and when I came out Sean ran up to me and said the schools were closing. I didn't believe him at first but when Mrs Gleeson told us I believed him. I remember trying to bring home my heavy basket that day. During lockdown me and my Dad played a lot of football. I spent a lot of time outdoors and I discovered a lot of new walking routes. Me and my Mam did a lot of baking. We baked bread, buns, cakes and lots more. My best memory is from when my baby cousin Darragh was born in July. He is very cute. I was very excited when I heard he was born. We went on a staycation to the Castleoaks House Hotel in August. It was a lot of fun. We went for lots of walks while we were there. I think lockdown was fun.



Shane

March 12th we left school. The next few weeks we stayed at home. I was bored a month later. We got homework online. Then everyday we got homework. I couldn't see my Granny or Grandad for Easter. Soon the shops opened and restrictions eased. We were able to go places so we went to Tramore. I went to Aarons house. We got a new television. Then we started building our house. And I went to Dunmore East. We had a BBQ. I went to Tramore again. I got my School books now and I'm getting ready to go to school in 3 weeks. I got new runners for school. Then the next 2 weeks it was the day to go to school. Then everything was different there.

Isobel

March 12th 2020 Thursday....It was a normal day, everyone at school and me sitting at home with blankets, watching movies on TV. I had a bad chest infection. This coronavirus was all anyone was talking about, a new country everyday, with more and more cases until when? No one knew. At 3pm on that same day schools were announced to close for 2 weeks, yet the coronavirus is still with me as I write 6 long months. We didn't go to school. Life changed fast, no friends or families outside of your household to be seen. Churches closed, unessential shops closed. Stay at home. Keep 2 metres apart, you can't touch anything! Wear a mask! No don't wear one, different people protesting about Level 5 or Level 4, what about 4 ½, schooling online, 15 people in your house, 50 people outside, never mind, no one can meet. No one knows what's happening. It's all very complicated. Oh now Donald Trump has it but was cured in 3 days. At the start of lockdown people thought they'd run out of toilet paper, seriously! It's calming down. Only way to get rid of this nasty virus is to "wash hands or sanitize" "stay 2 metres apart from others outside of your household" "if we wear our masks (gloves if you want as well)". We're all in this together even though we're all apart! Stay safe!



Aaron

Chapter 1: March 12th 2020 was a normal day. Everyone was in school. We went out to lunch for about 11am. We came back in from lunch. Mrs Gleeson had announced something saying that this is the last day for 2 weeks, we will be going into lockdown. Everyone was celebrating with cheers. It was 2:55pm, nearly 3 o'clock so everyone was getting ready to go home.

Chapter 2: We are off school for about a day or two now. I said I will be so bored. That got me thinking so I went outside and found work to do but I live on a farm so I won't be bored. My father was off work for 2 weeks too, so he was bored at the start. We didn't have time to clean up the farm. So this was the time. My father hired a digger and dumper for a week so that was fun. About 2 days later we got homework, and we went on video calls.

Chapter 3: We're in lockdown for nearly 2 weeks. Tomorrow we're back to school. To be honest, I actually want to go back to school. I watched the news today at 6 o'clock. It said "cases are rising and so are deaths, so you must stay indoors". So that means no schools for another 3 months. I wasn't sad or anything. I just wanted to see my friends. I was fine because I saw Shane once in a while. We are in April now so that means the weather is gonna get better. I will be going outside more.



The Walls of Cashel.

I am strong and fierce,
No one can break me,
I am your worst enemy and best friend,
I protect the town from all its fears,
Come to me, come to my town, try to knock me
down,
I am 700 years old, I will never die,
I work for my people,
Never worry about the storms,
I won't let you down.

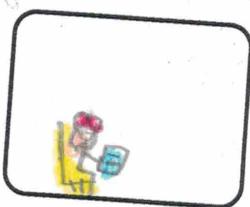
By Abbie O'Reilly



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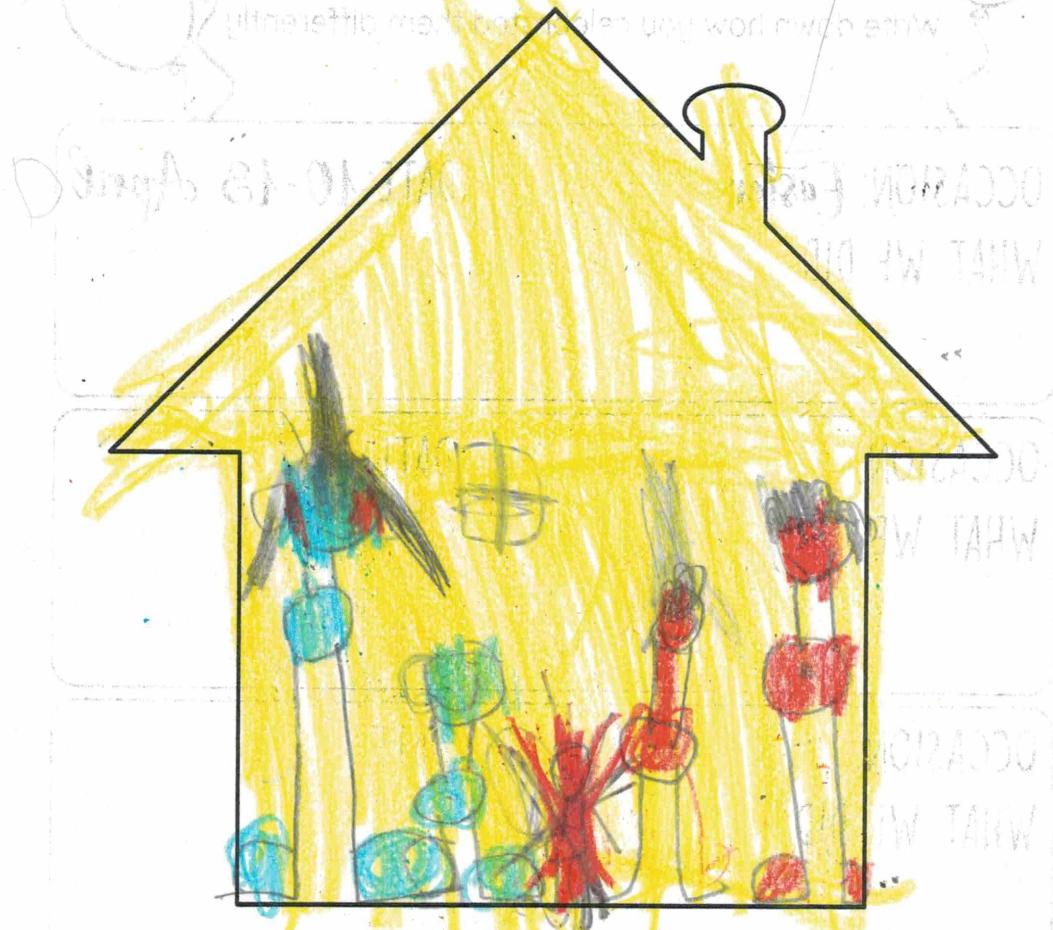


AND WE'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY BY....

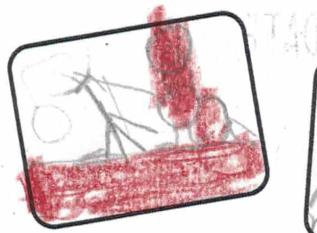


Jake

WHO I'M STAYING SAFE WITH AT HOME...



AND WE'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY BY...

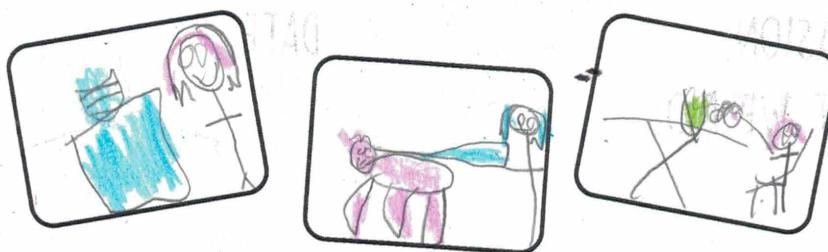


Rubie

WHO I'M STAYING SAFE WITH AT HOME...



AND WE'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY....



Thea.

WHO I'M STAYING SAFE WITH AT HOME...



AND WE'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY BY....



Cian

WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER

I AM EXCITED TO... go swimming and to go everywhere I did not see during covid-19.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE... everybody I didn't see during covid-19.

I WANT TO GO ON HOLIDAY TO... England and Wexford.

AFTER COVID-19, I HOPE THE WORLD WILL BE... safe and everybody to have peace.

AFTER SPENDING MORE TIME AT HOME, I HAVE LEARNT... not to do something that can affect people and if another virus starts I will keep my distance.

Abbie Connolly

WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER

I AM EXCITED TO... go to a place to my friends and go to their house.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE... my cousin and Nana in Killkenny.

I WANT TO GO ON HOLIDAY TO... Italy and Disneyland.

AFTER COVID-19, I HOPE THE WORLD WILL BE... safe and we won't have to sanitise or wear masks any more.

AFTER SPENDING MORE TIME AT HOME, I HAVE LEARNT...

A lot about nature and gardening.

My lockdown memory jar

What was different

- School was closed.
- We couldn't see our friends.

Things I did

- Played with my pets.
- Played tag

My memories

What I missed

- My friends
- School
- GFA with Anthony

How I felt

Sad some days
Happy some days
Not

Pupils on the roll for school year 2019/20

Junior Infants

Darragh Bourke
Conor O'Gorman
Thea Ryan
Rubie Cashin
Jake O'Connor

First Class

Cian O'Connor
Abbie Connolly

Third Class

Billy O'Connor

Fifth Class

Isobel Hayde

Senior Infants

Charlene O'Reilly
Alex Carroll

Second Class

Lochlan Grant
Saoirse Ryan
Abbie Corcoran

Fourth Class

Mairead Daly
Katie Cashin
Lia Grant
Kelly Bourke
Shane O'Dwyer
Aaron Bourke
Albert Harhen
Jack Costelloe
Sean O'Gorman

Sixth Class

Lauren Corcoran
Allanah McLoughlin
Abbie O'Reilly
Matthew Costelloe
Darragh O'Gorman