

Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Glantane National School
November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Since 2004, our school has collected 2,362 boxes for the "Operation Christmas Child" project. This project is run in Ireland by an organisation called "Team Hope" which is an Interdenominational Christian Charity which helps homeless children abroad. Our current record is 182 boxes in one year!

Like almost everything in our lives nowadays, the shoebox Appeal cannot take place as normal this year. Team Hope still plans to bring joy to these children around the world by making up boxes using funds donated online.

Here is a quote from the website www.teamhope.ie.

"You can do your shoebox any time up until 23rd December but from 9th – 15th November, we are running the Christmas Shoebox Appeal Week. During this time we will be encouraging schools, families and communities to celebrate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal by building and donating their shoeboxes online, sharing pictures on social media using #TeamUpForTeamHope, coordinating fundraisers to purchase shoeboxes, and learning about the Appeal and the importance of giving. Although this year may be different, the need for shoebox gifts is more important than ever. Help us spread the word and continue to bring joy to children affected by poverty. Each gift-filled shoebox is €20."

We, as a school, will be talking to the children about this initiative this week as part of our S.P.H.E. programme and will view online resources. The children will get printables which they can use if you decide to donate.

I have contacted Team Hope and they can tell us how many donations Glantane NS has made if we type Glantane National School in the payment form. (Instructions later in this document) **NB Details (names) of individual contributors will not be known** - only the number contributed by our school. I have included a lovely email which I have received from the CEO of Team Hope.

The deadline for our School's initiative is November 30th. I will contact TeamHope to check our numbers on that date.

N.B. Please remember that donations to this initiative are totally optional. There are so many worthy charities out there, Hopefully we will be packing shoeboxes as normal next year!

Please spread the word!

Many thanks to all for your continued support in this activity.

Yours Sincerely,

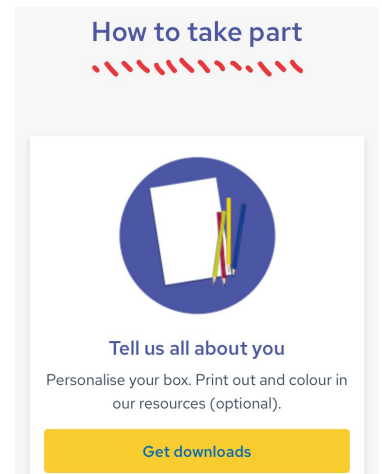
Brid Ryan (Co-ordinator)

**If you decide to participate, the following steps might help
-appearance may vary on different devices.**

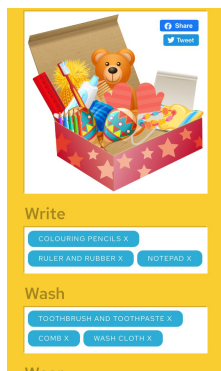
1. Go to www.teamhope.ie. - Christmas Shoebox Appeal. There are many videos and resources which can be viewed.



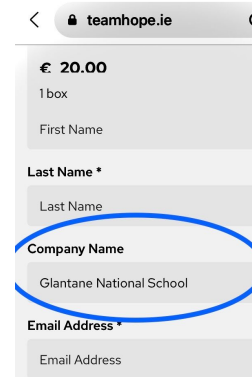
2. Scroll down to “How to take part” Children will have received these printables in school.



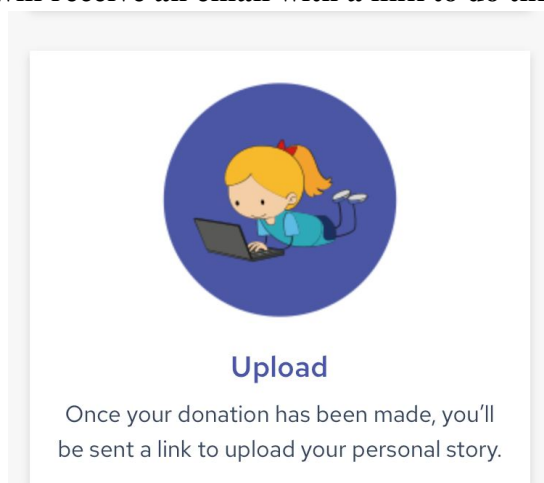
3. Have some optional fun building a virtual box. Choose items - click and drag.



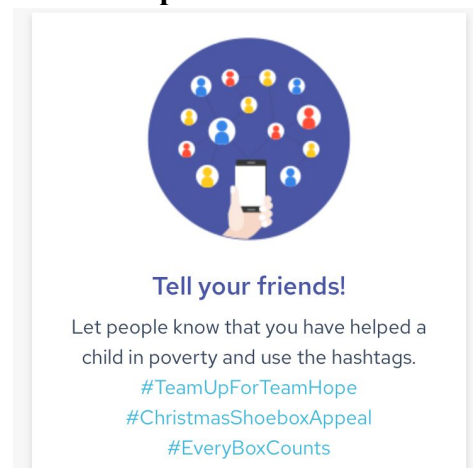
4. Donate - Enter Glantane National School as Company Name as shown below.



**5. Upload
Upload message/drawing/school printable - you will receive an email with a link to do this.**



6. Spread the Word!



Email from CEO of Team Hope.

Thu, 29 Oct, 08:55 (7
days ago)

Peter Heaney pheaney@teamhope.ie
via teamhope.onmicrosoft.com

Dear Bríd,

Many thanks for getting in touch and thanks so much for all the shoeboxes you've helped send! That's a fantastic number to have gathered over the years. The difference those boxes have helped make has been huge so thanks very much to yourself, the children and parents at Glantane!

If the parents were to enter Glantane NS in the company name we'd be able to let you know the total amount of boxes that the school has collected this year. If you can mention to parents to do this and inform them that if they do, we'll be communicating the total number of boxes so they know in advance then this would be perfect. Obviously as well, just in case any of them ask, we'll only be able to give a total number of boxes for the school and their names, the number of boxes any individual donates, their contact details etc etc will remain confidential. If you drop us another email when you think everyone has donated we'll send you over the number.

Thanks again for all your support for the appeal again this year, it looks very different but we're so grateful to schools like yours who are continuing to allow us to help as many children as possible.

Warm Regards,

Peter Heaney

CEO, Team Hope