

# Pictures of the Week



Molly-Rose, of Gurraneasig NS senior infants class, as Snow White during Aistear. See pages 6/7/8 for a special feature on the school. Pictures: Denis Minihane



Tuathlaith in the classroom at Gurraneasig NS.

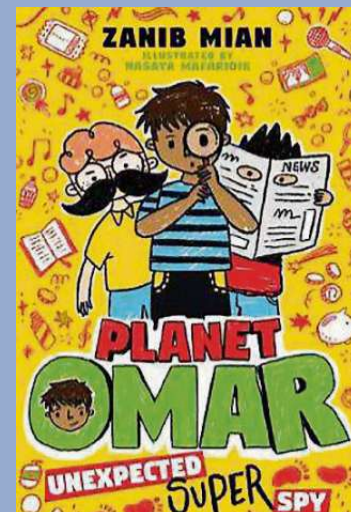


Lugh using natural ink pigments at Gurraneasig NS.



Gurraneasig NS pupil Ayla with fresh fruit.

## Book of the week



**Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy** by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik is published in paperback by Hodder Children's Books.

Omar plans to spend his savings on a Laser Nerf Blaster, but the plan changes when he discovers his local mosque faces closure because it needs costly roof repairs. Soon he is coming up with money-making schemes that make his parents proud, but rather annoy his teenage sister.

Mian's second Omar book continues to challenge negative stereotypes by showing an ordinary Muslim family who have the same highs and lows as any other. It's a fun story and Nasaya Mafaridik's illustrations liven it up.

8/10 (Review by Beverley Rouse)

## Movie of the week



**Frozen II (Cert U, 103 mins)**

You may have seen it in the cinema already, but don't let that stop you watching it over and over again!

*Frozen II* is now out on DVD — one to add to your 'want to see list' while we are all off school.

Three years have passed since Elsa ascended the throne of Arendelle.

An ethereal voice from the enchanted forest beckons her to unlock the secret of a bedtime story told to Elsa and sister Anna by their parents.

"The truth must be found," confirms troll king Grand Pabbie.

Thus, Elsa, Anna, and her goofy beau Kristoff, reindeer Sven, and lovable snowman Olaf journey to an ancient stone circle shrouded in swirling mist.

Rating: \*\*\*\*

# 'I just loved the sound of the trumpet from the start'

DONNA LYNCH is 16 years old and is a Transition Year student in St. Aloysius secondary school on Sharman Crawford Street. She is a trumpet player in the Cork Barrack Street Band.

"I've been learning trumpet since 4th class. We were given the chance to try out a selection of different brass and wind instruments at that time through Music Generation and Barrack Street Band.

"I just loved the sound of the trumpet from the start, so that's why I chose it. My tutor at the time, Claire Spillane, was so encouraging — I was able to perform within a year.

"When I moved to secondary school, I started to do the after-school classes in Deerpark with Mick Long and conductor, Noel Galvin. I graduated from junior band to youth band around then. I re-



cently moved up to senior band, which was quite scary at first, as none of my friends were ready to do it. But my band leader Noel suggested we go for it and I am glad I did.

"Being part of the senior band means playing at a whole other level. The quality of sound is so good. I'm really enjoying it. We play all sorts of music, but my favourite styles would be 80s flashback — songs from the 80s, like Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'.

"Back in October I took part in a three-day brass and wind

event in Waterford called Brass Off — it was an incredible experience. We got to work with a guest band leader, Darcy Voigt. We learned a lot from her, the way she teaches, she was used to big groups — everyone listened to her!

"I did work experience with Music Gen Cork City — I know I want music in my future.

"I really enjoyed the experience. My dream is to study music in Cork School of Music. I know that I will always have music in my life."



Donna Lynch, aged 16, is a trumpet player in the Cork Barrack Street Band.