

# THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your  
Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

## WRITE



Pens/Pencils  
Crayons  
Paper/Copy Books  
Colouring Books  
Markers  
Sharpeners  
Erasers



## WASH



Soap (wrapped)  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Facecloth



## WEAR



Socks  
Underwear  
Flip Flops  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves



## WOW



Cuddly Toy  
Skipping rope/Yo-yo  
Sweets (in date until April next year)  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Toy Car  
Doll  
Ball



### WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:

Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

# 4W's

Roinnt smaointe do bhur mBoscaí Nollag

## WRITE/ SCRÍOBH



Pinn luaidhe  
Criáin  
Páipéar/cóipleabhair



## WASH/ NIGH



Gallúnach  
Scuab gruaige  
cíor  
Scuab fiacla  
Tuáille aghaidhe



## WEAR/ CAITHEAMH



Stocaí  
Fo-éadaí  
Flip-flops  
Hata  
Scairf  
Lámhainní



## WOW!



Bréagán cúthail  
Téad scipeála  
Milseán  
Yo-yo  
Spéaclaí gréine  
Carr  
Bréagán  
Bábóg  
Liathróid



**Ná cuir san áireamh:**

Ná seol leachtanna (gallúnach, boilgeoga) le do thoil, ábhair géar, bia/seacláid, leabhair le go leor focail iontu, ábhair scanrúil (Oíche Shamhna, ábhair chogaidh, maisc, nathracha bréagán, ábhair inbhriste nó leighis.



## What can you put in your Christmas Shoebox?



Draw some things that you can add into your Christmas Shoebox.



Things to **WRITE** with:



Things to **WASH** with:



Things to **WEAR**:



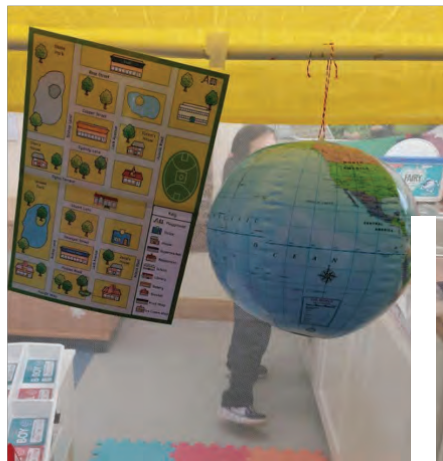
Things to **WOW!**





One teacher prepared a Christmas Shoebox Appeal Aistear station in the classroom, incorporating Literacy, Geography and the 4W's (included in your resources)!

Thank you so much for the pictures and inspiration Caoimhe O'Dea!



\*Click [here](#) to request your free copy of Bunny's Shoebox Journey Book, as shown.

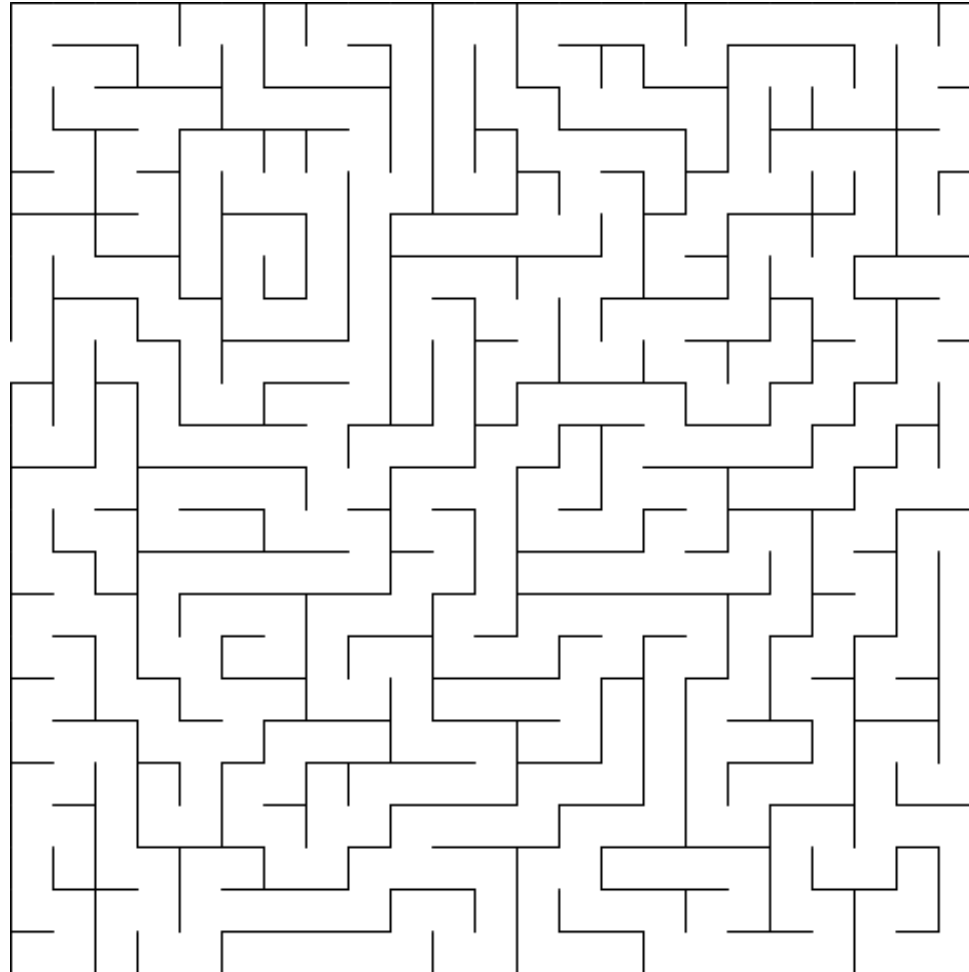
# Christmas Shoebox Maze

Junior

Can you get your Christmas Shoebox to its new home!



Start here



Finish here

## Conversation starters to engage our young learners

Links with 'Bunny's Shoebox Journey' book, available on request [here](#).

Where does Beatrice live?

What would be your favourite thing to put into a shoebox?

What were the 4W's?

What kinds of things can you wash with? Write with? Wear?

What present would make you say "wow!"?

How did the shoeboxes get to the boys and girls?

Have you ever been on a ship?

What is Beatrice's house made from?

What is your house made from?

Where do you live (reference attached map)?

How can we find out where the shoeboxes from your area went last year?

You can see the countries that the shoeboxes went to to from your area at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)



# STORIES

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## Marilena from Romania

"It's the first new toy I've ever had".

Marilena from Romania is 8 and her family struggles to even heat one room in the winter.

Marilena was so excited to get gel pens in her Christmas Shoebox, as she had seen them before, but when she saw the doll inside she whispered in awe "It's the first new toy I've ever had".



## DR Congo

Almost 7,000 Christmas Shoeboxes from Mayo, Louth, and Wicklow went to children in DR Congo, and they brought so much joy!

Every single item, from cuddly toys to crayons, toothbrushes to treats, is loved and cherished by the child who received it.

For many children, it was the first gift they had ever received, and your kindness made them feel seen, special, and remembered.



# STORIES

## Where your Christmas Shoeboxes went last year

Ballina	Lesotho & DR Congo
Ballinrobe	DR Congo
Bandon	Romania
Carlow	Malawi & Ukraine
Castlebar	Albania
Castleblayney	Lesotho
Clonmel	Eswatini
Cootehill	Ukraine
Cork City	Eswatini
Drogheda	Kosovo
Dublin North	Eswatini & Burkina Faso
Dublin Nth West	Burkina Faso
Dublin South	Eswatini, Albania & Malawi
Dublin Sth West (D24)	Eswatini & Albania
Dundalk	DR Congo & Kosovo
Ennis	Romania
Enniscorthy	Eswatini
Fermoy	Ukraine
Galway City	Albania & Burundi
Greystones	DR Congo & Romania
Kells	Lesotho
Kilkenny	Malawi
Killarney	Ukraine
Leitrim	Eswatini & Losotho
Letterkenny	Eswatini, Albania & Burkina Faso
Limerick City	Romania
Listowel	Ukraine
Longford	Albania
Mallow	Eswatini & Ukraine
Monaghan Town	Lesotho
Mountcollins	Lesotho & Albania
Mullingar	Pridnestrovie
Navan	Eswatini & Burkina Faso
Nenagh	Albania
Newbridge	Eswatini & Burundi
Northern Ireland	Kosovo
Portlaoise	Kosovo
Roscommon	Romania
Skibbereen	Pridnestrovie
Sligo	Eswatini & Albania
Thurles	Albania
Trim	Pridnestrovie
Tuam	Ukraine
Tullamore	Ukraine
Waterford City	Eswatini & Ukraine



# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Dear Pre-schools,

We hope your new term has started well! We are so excited to be launching this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal!

Every Christmas Shoebox brings so much **joy, love** and **hope**. This year, more than ever, every shoebox counts!



## What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty in countries across Africa and Eastern Europe. It is a great opportunity to teach our youngest learners about giving, in a tangible way.

**To take part just complete the attached order form or order online at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)**

## For Pre-Schools:

You can download our **resource pack** from [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) and watch our promotional video too, showing lots of excited children receiving their Christmas Shoeboxes!

Our pre-school resource pack includes:

- A colouring sheet
- Maze
- Aistear station
- Stories
- Crafts
- and more!

While stocks last, pre-schools registering will receive a **FREE** copy of our **Aistear based book, Bunny's Shoebox Journey**



We would love for you to encourage your families to take part and to see how many shoeboxes your preschool can make this year!

Many thanks

**From All at Team Hope**

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

PRE-SCHOOL ORDER FORM 2025

### How to register:




Order online:

Leaflets and posters can be ordered (free!) at [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)  
(You will need 1 leaflet per child)



Order by post:

Complete the form below and return to: [info@teamhope.ie](mailto:info@teamhope.ie) or post to:  
Team Hope, 5 Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue,  
Dublin 18, D18 CF67

 RESOURCES	<a href="http://WWW.TEAMHOPE.IE">WWW.TEAMHOPE.IE</a>
Download for free!	Aistear ideas, puzzles, activities stories & more!



### ORDER BY POST:

Your Name: .....

PreSchool Name: .....


Address: .....

Eircode: ..... Telephone Number: .....

Email:

**GDPR:** Please tick the adjacent box if you would like to be kept up to date with information on the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Team Hope's other work. You have the option to unsubscribe at any time.

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ORDER BY POST: 	QUANTITY
SHOEBOX LEAFLETS (You'll need 1 leaflet per child)	100
A4 POSTER	2
A3 POSTER	2

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