

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:

Complete the attached order form or order/download our leaflets online at www.teamhope.ie

For Pre-Schools:

You can download our **resource pack** from 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**

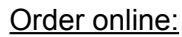


We would love for you to encourage your families to take part and to see how many shoeboxes your preschool can make this year!

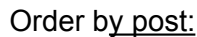
Many thanks

From All at Team Hope

How to order:



Leaflets can be ordered at www.TeamHope.ie
(You'll need 1 per child)



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

 **ORDER BY POST:**

ORDER BY POST: 	QUANTITY
SHOEBOX LEAFLETS <i>(You'll need 1 per child)</i>	100
A4 POSTER	2 (max 4)
A3 POSTER	2 (max 4)



TEAM HOPE™

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THANK YOU
for bringing hope
to a child this
Christmas

HOW TO BUILD A GREAT CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX - THE 4 W'S



WRITE

Pens, pencils, crayons, copybooks, colouring books, markers, sharpeners and erasers.



WASH

Bar of soap (wrapped), hairbrush, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste and facecloths.



WEAR

Socks, underwear, flip flops, hat, scarf and gloves.



WOW

Cuddly toy, skipping rope, sweets (dated 6 months +), small musical instrument, family photo, toy car, doll, ball and stickers.



YES PLEASE

These items are suitable and make wonderful additions to a shoebox gift!

- ✓ **New, good quality gifts**
That are safe, useful and age appropriate.
- ✓ **School supplies (WRITE!)**
Pens, pencils, copybooks, crayons, colouring books, markers, sharpeners, erasers, solar calculators, rulers.
- ✓ **Toiletries (WASH!)**
Bar of soap (wrapped), toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, facecloth, plasters, roll on deodorant, sanitary towels (10-14 year girl boxes only).
- ✓ **Clothing and accessories (WEAR!)**
Socks, underwear, hats, gloves, scarfs, flip flops.
- ✓ **Toys and fun items (WOW!)**
Cuddly toy, skipping rope, ball, toy cars, dolls, small musical instruments, stickers, sweets (in date 6 months+), dominos.

Thank You! Your gift will bring joy and hope.



PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE

For safety, customs and practical reasons we are unable to accept these items.

- ✗ **Food & Chocolate**
No food including chocolate products, biscuits, crisps.
- ✗ **Medicines & Healthcare**
Medicine, tablets, lotions, hand sanitiser.
- ✗ **War Related Items**
Toy soldiers/action toys, guns, knives, weapons, camouflage clothes.
- ✗ **Scary or Violent Items**
Skull and crossbones, snakes, spiders, Halloween masks.
- ✗ **Liquids & Aerosols**
Shampoo, conditioner, liquid soaps, bubbles, gels, water filled toys – nothing that can leak or spill!
- ✗ **Breakables**
Glass objects (including large mirrors).
- ✗ **Books**
Unless colouring books.
- ✗ **Sharp Items**
Scissors, penknives.
- ✗ **Religious or Inappropriate Items**
Tracts, jewellery.

Thank you for helping us deliver safe, fun boxes.

www.teamhope.ie

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Share Hope
This Christmas 

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**:

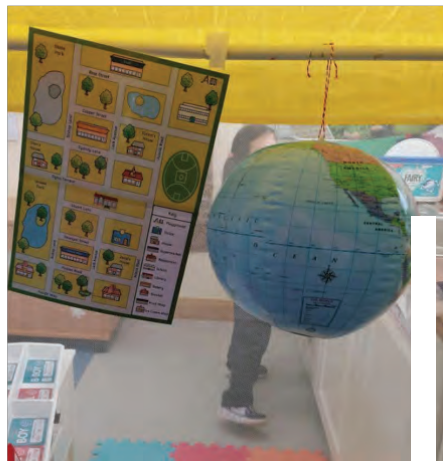


Things to **WOW!**



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.

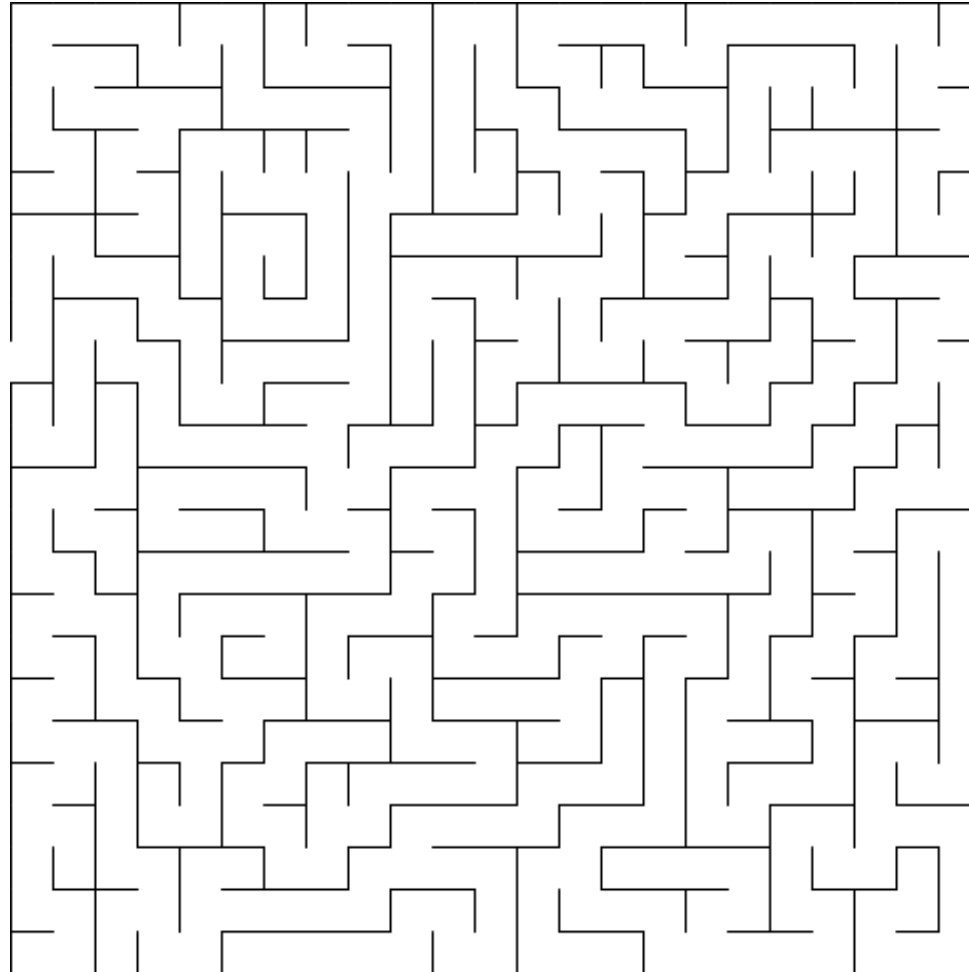
Christmas Shoebox Maze

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

STORIES



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.

