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100 Years since World War 1 ended

On November 11th remembrance ceremonies were held across the world to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. In 1918, at 11 minutes past 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month (November) a ceasefire was called. An agreement known as an Armistice was signed in France ending four years of war.

The war was fought between two sides, the Allied forces and the Central Powers. The Allied forces included Britain, France, Belgium, Russia and Italy. The Central Powers, led by Germany, included Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. America joined the war in 1915 on the side of the Allied Forces after a German submarine sank a British passenger ship, the Lusitania, off the coast of Ireland killing 1,200 passengers, many of them American.

Armies from both sides dug thousands of miles of ditches, known as trenches, which faced each other across the middle



of Europe. This was known as the Western Front. Soldiers lived and slept in these trenches until ordered to move forward and fight the enemy side. Conditions in the trenches were terrible with dead bodies, mud, rain and cold. Rats and lice were

a big problem and caused many diseases.



A famous event happened on Christmas Day in 1914 when soldiers from both sides stopped fighting for a few hours. They met in the area between the trenches, known

as "No Man's Land", where they shared cigarettes, sang Christmas carols and played a game of football. Sadly, this was short lived as the fighting began again the next day.

Sixty-five million soldiers fought in the war, 10 million died and 21 million were injured. Many of these were as young as 16 or 17.

In the countryside close to the Western Front the red poppy flower could be seen growing wild in the fields. When the war

ended the poppy became a symbol of remembrance of those who died in battles here during World War 1.



It is believed that more than 200,000 Irish men fought in World War 1 as members of the British Army. Thirty-six thousand of them lost their lives. Ceremonies were held in many counties to remember them. President Higgins led the largest of these which was held in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin. Members of the Irish army, as well as relatives of those who were being remembered, also attended.

By the time the war ended most of Europe was left in ruins. Millions of people had been killed or badly injured and millions more faced a future without loved ones. So terrible were its effects that it was believed that World War 1 would be the "war to end all wars". However, this was not to be the case as less than 21 years later World War 2 began.

Michael D is re-elected as President

Michael D Higgins is now beginning another seven years as President of Ireland after winning 56% of votes in the recent election.

Mr Higgins, who is 77, has been involved in politics for almost 50 years. A member of the Labour Party until he became President, he has served as a Senator, a TD and a government minister. He was also Mayor of Galway.

Outside of politics he was a lecturer in Galway University for many years and he is also a writer and a poet.

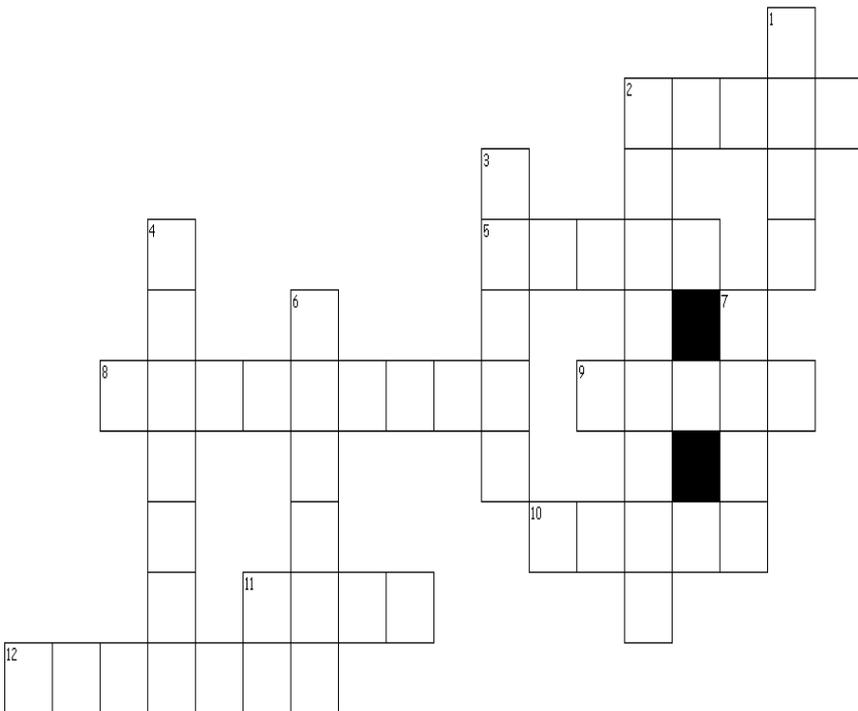
At his inauguration in Dublin castle he spoke about his vision for Ireland where every person is treated equal and with respect regardless of belief or difference.

Words ending in - ick or – ic

Words of 1 syllable/beat end in - ick						Words with 2 or more syllables/beats end in - ic				
kick	pick	wick	quick	flick	thick	attic	fantastic	mechanic	panic	plastic
lick	sick	brick	click	stick	trick	electric	garlic	music	picnic	public

Crossword

The answers are all words from the list above



Across

- 2. We like to listen to this (5)
- 5. Opposite of thin (5)
- 8. Another word for amazing (9)
- 9. Stay calm and don't _____ (5)
- 10. A magician does this (5)
- 11. Another word for to choose (4)
- 12. Another word for fast (5)

Down

- 1. Another word for being ill (4)
- 2. A person who can fix your car (8)
- 3. A walking _____ (5)
- 4. Today most things are made from this material (7)
- 6 A vegetable (6)
- 7. What you do with a football (4)

Maths

Q1 Amy is buying a new washing machine. She is trying to find the best value.

In Electric World she can buy one for €390 with 10% discount if she buys before end of month.

In Kitchen Deals they have the same machine for €450. They have a sale with 20% off everything.

Both shops will deliver for free.

An online store has the same machine for €320 but there is a delivery charge of €50

- a. How much will she pay in Electric World?
- b. How much will she pay in Kitchen Deals?
- c. What will be the total cost of buying online?

Q2 Tom won a sum of money in a local lotto draw. He bought a new TV for €450, paid off a loan of €2,000 and put €1,500 aside for a family holiday later. The rest of his win he divided among his children. Each of his 3 children got €450 each

- a. What was the total amount Tom won in the lotto?

Q3 I can buy 6 chocolate Santas for €9.60

- a. How much will I pay for 10?

answers

Q1. A. €351 B. €360 C. €370
Q2 a. €5,300
Q3 a. €16

Congratulations to Ger from Co. Cork who was the winner of our competition for a book voucher.

Thank you to everyone who took part.