

Children in Russian Arctic Brave -50 Celsius to Attend School

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Students in the Russian Arctic are enduring freezing weather to attend school, as temperatures hover just 2 degrees above the threshold to cancel class.

Oymyakon in Russia's northeastern Sakha republic has been nicknamed the "Cold Pole" for being one of the coldest permanently inhabited places on Earth.

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Thermometers there showed minus 50 degrees Celsius on Thursday morning, the local website news.ykt.ru <u>reported</u>. Meanwhile, students are expected to attend class until temperatures reach minus 52 C.

"It was minus 50 this morning, all children are studying," the Oymyakon administration told the news site.

A video from another Sakha village, widely <u>shared</u> on social media this week, showed children being whipped by freezing winds on their way home from school in temperatures around minus 30 C.

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In the Arctic village of Chokurdakh kids are going home from school. That's in my #Yakutia. Praise god, Yakutsk is free of winds. pic.twitter.com/EAqLSCRoJf

— Bolot Bochkarev (@yakutia) November 21, 2017

In Moscow, temperatures on Thursday hovered around a balmy minus 3 degrees C.

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