

Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve



The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight,
There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,
Knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.

I will visit each household before the first light,
I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part,
So I'll slide down the chimney of each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.
I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You.
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this is to honour the birth of the One,
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends, least Your glory I rob,
Please, Lord, remind them who gave me this job."

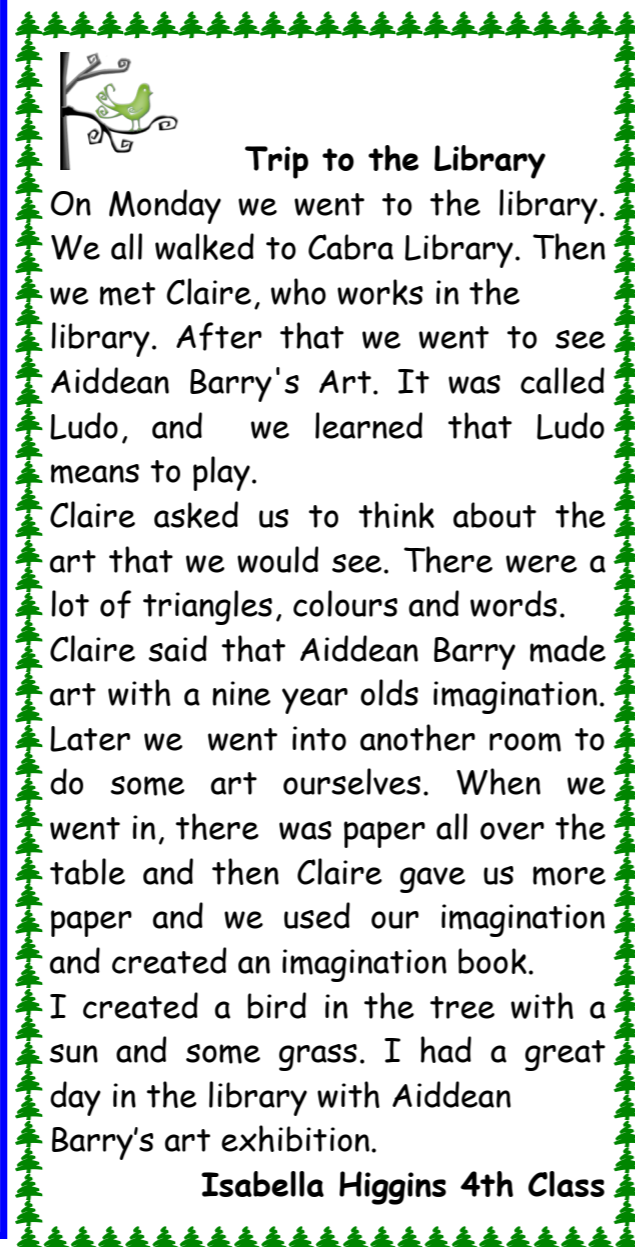
~Warren D. Jennings

The Busy Innkeeper

On Wednesday and Thursday night we had our Christmas Concert. Our class and Ms O'Neill's class presented a Nativity play called 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'. The Innkeeper loved having his breakfast every morning. He liked peace and quiet while he was eating. When he heard that Baby Jesus was born in the stable, he forgot all about his breakfast, and rushed off to see the baby. Everybody had a part in the play and we learned lots of songs. We even had an angel playing the Violin!

We really enjoyed it and we can't wait for next year!

Ms Lawler's 2nd Class



Trip to the Library

On Monday we went to the library. We all walked to Cabra Library. Then we met Claire, who works in the library. After that we went to see Aiddean Barry's Art. It was called Ludo, and we learned that Ludo means to play.

Claire asked us to think about the art that we would see. There were a lot of triangles, colours and words.

Claire said that Aiddean Barry made art with a nine year olds imagination.

Later we went into another room to do some art ourselves. When we went in, there was paper all over the table and then Claire gave us more paper and we used our imagination and created an imagination book.

I created a bird in the tree with a sun and some grass. I had a great day in the library with Aiddean Barry's art exhibition.

Isabella Higgins 4th Class



St. Catherine's Senior School



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Happy Christmas from St. Catherine's Senior School

Dear Parents and friends,



The Christmas holidays have arrived and the girls are looking forward with excitement to the days ahead. For the past few weeks, they have been busily preparing for the Christmas Concert. Both nights were a great success, and we thank Miss O'Neill and Miss Lawler for all their hard work. We are delighted to hear that parents particularly enjoyed the girls' singing of the *Hallelujah* from Handel's Messiah.



Congratulations to Anna Kavanagh for her winning entry in the Dublin Fire Brigade Art Competition. Anna was presented with her prize in the Mansion House, and as well as receiving a lovely prize for herself, she also won a prize for the school! Anna's picture features in the 2016 Fire Safety calendar.

Well done to Miss Haverty's sixth class who collected toiletries which will be distributed to the homeless through the Simon Community this Christmas.

Both sixth classes have taken part in the Localise Community project. This initiative aims at raising awareness of the diverse needs within the local community. The girls benefited enormously from the project and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle and our recent Cake sale. We thank the outgoing Board of Management for their work over the past four years, and we welcome the new Board which is now in place.

The work on replacing our windows will continue during the holidays. We hope the entire project will be completed by the end of January, and we are looking forward to a more energy efficient school in the near future.

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas.

The school will reopen on **Wednesday 6th January.**



My Christmas Tree

My Mammy and I went to buy a tree for Christmas. When we went to buy the tree, we saw Santa and he said "Hi Daria" and he gave me a present and I said "thank you".

Daria Pascutoi
2nd Class



The Simon Community

This Advent Ms. Haverty's sixth class collected toiletries for the Simon Community. First we found out some information about homelessness in Dublin, next we researched the stories of some homeless people on the Simon Community website. We were really touched by it. Then we got a big box and decorated it. We used this box to collect all our toiletries. Finally we donated them to the Simon Community. We felt proud of ourselves and were really happy to give to people in need at this happy time of year.

Holly Lynch 6th Class



The Cake Sale

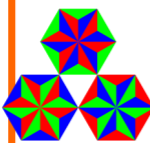
On November 26th we had a Cake sale. First of all we had to bake something. I made fairy cakes with Nutella and Sprinkles on top. Then on Friday we brought them in and they all looked lovely. We brought them down to the Staff room. By the time everything was sold and Ms Herbert counted the money raised, it was a total of €450. All the money went to Father Greene in Chile for his missionary work. Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale.

Caitlin Donohoe 5th Class



Our visit to the library

On the 7th of December Cabra Library invited us to see the Ludo exhibition. First we walked from school to the library. Then we went to see the Ludo art exhibition. It was made from a lot of coloured triangles. There were moving aliens everywhere. I learned that 'Ludo' means 'to play'. We made our own art booklet. We used leftover paper. We made some pop up art too. We had great fun. We got magazines to remind us about the Ludo exhibition and it was a great day.



Weronika Kukula 4th Class

Rudolf the red nose reindeer

Once upon a time there was a little reindeer called Rudolf. He was different to all the other reindeer, he was different because he had a shiny red nose. The other reindeer made fun of him and they called him names and they didn't let Rudolf play reindeer games with them.

But one chilly Christmas Eve, Santa called him and asked if he would guide his sleigh that night. Then all the other reindeer were delighted and played with him.

Chelsea Madronio 2nd Class



GOAL: How to be happy this Christmas

Materials: Family, Christmas Movies, Hot Chocolate, Presents, Dessert, Decorations and Friends.

Instructions:

1. Spend time with your family
2. Decorate the Christmas tree with your family and friends.
3. Drink hot chocolate and eat dessert.
4. Watch Christmas Movies.
5. Open presents

Conclusion: Enjoy every minute of it!

Helen Michiu 6th Class

WINTER

Waiting for Santa that everyone loves
In our cosy little beds
Nearly time for him to come with those toys for us
Time to sleep and wait for him in our dreams
Early in the morning he will come
Ready to open our presents

Solongo Munkhtogtokh 3rd Class



ART CLASS

A few weeks ago Ms McCrea began an art class for 6th class. The class makes lovely art to decorate the school. We even made toy soldier hats for the school play.

Hopefully, the Art class will continue after Christmas. I really enjoyed it.

Mary Doyeni
6th Class



Food Appeal

Special thanks to everyone who donated to our St. Vincent de Paul food appeal. The food collected will be distributed to local families this Christmas.

Reminder

Please ensure that children wear their coats and hats for the Wintry weather after Christmas!



Sewing Christmas Tree Decorations

During the month of December for the first time, Ms Heeney's 5th class learned how to sew.

We used lots of different material and Ms McGuiness gave us lovely green material.

After everybody finished their sewing, Ms Heeney stuck them up on a tree made of green material in the hall behind Ms O'Reilly's Office.

We made stockings, snowmen and Christmas trees.

It was hard to thread the needle but everybody enjoyed it.

Anna Jose 5th Class



Events from HSCL

A six week cookery course took place in St. Catherine's this term. Parents also attended Craft classes jointly run by HSCL in St. Catherine's and St. Finbarr's. A Craft class, organised specifically to make Christmas crafts, was attended by parents in December and was very successful. Parents from Ms. McCrea's third class and Ms. O'Neill's second class kindly volunteered to help the children make some snowmen to help them get in the Christmas spirit.