



# St. Catherine's Senior School

# NEWSLETTER



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## Christmas Greetings from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,



As we reach the end of another school term, we are delighted to report lots of good news from St. Catherine's.

Fifth and Sixth classes completed the Kids Marathon programme, and were presented with their t-shirts and medals after running the final mile in the Bogies.

This is a great achievement for the girls, and has improved their fitness levels. We thank their teachers, Miss Haverty, Miss Garvey, Miss Shovlin and Miss Waters, who ran with them over the past six weeks. Well done to all!



The We are Writers literacy project was a great success, and it is interesting to read the hopes and dreams of the students, and how they see their lives in twenty years time.

Preparations for the Peace Proms Concert continue, and the girls are looking forward to performing in the RDS in February. Miss Shovlin's sixth class will be presenting their project at the Young Scientist exhibition in January. These are great opportunities for the girls to showcase their talents outside of school.

Our Christmas Concert was a wonderful success. The girls had worked really hard learning all their songs, and their preparation showed during both performances. We thank their teachers for their dedication and enthusiasm in preparing the girls.

Congratulations to Elle Murry, Alannah O Donovan and Alexandra O Carroll whose pictures were chosen for the Dublin Fire Brigade 2017 calendar.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
School reopens on January 9th.



### Craft Fair

On Wednesday the 30th of November 6th class went to the Craft fair in St. Dominic's College.

It was in a PE hall with lots of stalls. They were selling Lip Balm, cards, candles, stress balls, Harry Potter wands, bath bombs, sweets and bags of different things. Some past pupils were selling items. I bought a fluffy ball and lip balm. I had a great day, it was so much fun.

Molly Rooney 6th Class



### WINTER

Woolly hats to keep us warm  
In the snow we like to roll  
with our friends or alone.  
Nothing is worse than being  
cold.

Tightly in bed with a sleepy  
head.

Every thing is going to be  
great.

Ready for Christmas Day and  
its just one more day away.

Marsi Uwaeme 4th Class



### My House at Christmas

I like when the lights on my Christmas tree light up and my house gets very bright. I love the Christmas dinner because my Mammy makes gravy and my aunty and uncle come over to eat dinner with us.

When we finish our dinner I always open the biggest present with my aunty and uncle. After that I put on my pyjamas and go to bed.

Barbara Kukula 2nd Class

### Reminder...

For the safety of all, please do not park too close to the school gates when dropping off or collecting children. Thank you.

### Visit from Eanna Ni Lamhna

On Wednesday 7th December, well known radio and TV presenter Eanna Ni Lamhna visited our class to teach us about trees. We will be presenting in the RDS Primary Science Fair in January with a project entitled 'How do Trees clean the air?' and Eanna gave us lots of valuable information for our project.

We learned that trees clean the air because they take away CO<sub>2</sub>. Trees are one of the most important plants on this planet as they act as a physical filter in cleaning the air.

Carla Doran  
6th Class



### WINTER

Winter Winter all around.  
I see snow on the ground.  
Nicholas and reindeer come.  
Today all the children come  
to play.  
Everyone around the  
tree  
Rudolph is now free.



Fiona Nguyen  
4th Class



## Maths Week

On the 7th of December St. Catherine's SNS had a Maths week. Each day we got a maths problem, then all the girls who got it right were put into a raffle and whoever won got a prize at the end of the week.

We also had a maths quiz, just fifth and sixth classes.

We were put into groups and asked lots of questions.

The group KKMCA won.

Everyday at maths during the week we played maths games.

It was a fun week.

Brook McDermott 6th Class



## Christmas Concert

It was the night of the concert  
and all through the school,  
Not a child was working, that was the rule,  
The rule was to sing and to dance for the parents,  
While Santa was watching and preparing the presents.

250 watching the show  
We practised a lot, the whole audience knows,  
After our turn we return to the class  
For a drink and a chat and a movie AT LAST

Miss O'Neill came and watched the whole thing  
She smiled with joy as she heard us all sing  
All of the parents were delighted and proud  
They showed us by clapping and cheering out loud

After the concert we went back to our room.  
We talked about dancing and singing the tune,  
Later that night we went down to the hall  
Our Moms and Dads said we were the best of all

We were exhausted after the big night,  
As we ran to our parents to be cuddled up tight.  
All the way home I wanted to sleep,  
When I finally got there I fell in a heap.

The weather was frosty and the sky was clear,  
It's winter, the coldest time of year.  
We were nestled all snug in our beds,  
As visions of lyrics danced in our heads.

## Ms Coakley's 3rd Class



Silent Night, Holy Night

## Angels

Angels with God.  
helping heaven with dresses.  
Gold halos  
and bright colours.  
Eyes and wings of angels  
helping people.

Laygha Flannagan  
2nd Class



## My Wonderful Christmas

I will wake up and I'll wake  
my family and get my slippers.  
Next, I will go down my stairs  
and if I get presents I will  
open them up and play with  
them.

Afterwards, I will go outside  
and see did Santa Claus leave  
my house or not and if he's  
not there then he must be at  
the North Pole.

Then, I will get my breakfast.  
Soon I will get dressed and I  
will ring everyone and say  
'Merry Christmas' and go to  
everyone's house to celebrate  
with all of my family. I hope  
you have a good one like me.  
Katelyn Fleming 2nd Class



## Acrostic Writing Cabra Library

On the 10th of November Ms Gallagher's Class went to the Cabra Library. We were all excited to go. When we arrived we saw a man named Gabriel Fitzmaurice. First we listened while he was telling us some funny stories. This was one funny poem he told us. "There was two little boys and they went down to the toilet and had a conversation about the toilet roll. One little boy said "Never use clear toilet roll cause it will give you a rash". We all thought that story was really funny. After that he taught us how to write acrostic poems. We all got to do one. We had a fun day. When we got back we wrote some winter acrostic poems .

Shannon Crawford  
& Zara Ezran Denosta

4th Class



## My House at Christmas

My door has a sparkly heart on it. When you touch it your hand gets sparkly. When you walk in you see my Christmas tree and you will see my elf on the shelf doing something cheeky. It will be really warm. You will see me sitting on the chair with a cup of tea. I love my house at Christmas.

Moya Regan 3rd Class



## Santa

Santa delivers very special gifts.  
And Santa eats lots of cookies and milk.  
Nobody knows what you're getting from Santa.  
The time is almost here for Santa to be coming.  
All of Santa's elves are working hard in the North Pole.

Millie McMahon 2nd Class



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## A Play in Cabra Library

On the 2nd of December, Ms. Haverty's 5th Class went to the Cabra Library to see a play called "Stor".

Seán, the main character is 12 years old and he loves nothing more than playing "Green Tide" on his phone. Seán and his mum go to "Clerys" liquidation sale. Seán is very bored so he goes wandering but in a turn of events, he gets transported to 1916 where he meets a young girl, only 12 years old called Maireád. Maireád who only speaks Irish.

Seán gets handed a letter by someone on the road.

He has to deliver it to Padraig Pearse but Seán and Maireád can't go outside because they could be killed. Will they make it on time?

I really liked this play because it was funny and clever.

Caitlin Frawley 5th Class

