

### Snowman at Night

If I was a snowman I would come alive at night. I would make friends with other snowmen so we could play or sing and dance. We would go to the North Pole and help elves wrap the presents. Then we would fly away to a restaurant to get some food. Then I would go with my friends to the shops and buy a ticket to go to the moon. Then we would go back to earth and build a treehouse. In the morning my friends and I will melt after a great adventure.

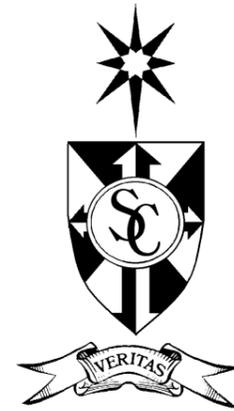
Laura 2nd Class



### Holly

The top of the holly leaf is glossy. Birds eat the red berries. In winter there are red berries. In summer it has flowers. Only the female has red berries. In autumn the berries are green. It is hard to find holly with berries. The bottom of the leaf is light green, Some people think holly protects them from lightning.

Antonio Smutna, 2nd Class



# St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Catherine's,



As we approach the Christmas holidays, we reflect on a very busy term in school.

Congratulations to Ms. Harvey's class who will represent our school at the Young Scientist Exhibition in the R.D.S. in January, and the Choir who will take part in the Laudate concert during Catholic Schools Week.

Miss Haverty's sixth class were filmed by Irish Aid to help promote awareness of Development Education. They are working hard on their next project already!

We celebrated the coming of Christmas by taking part in the Parish Carol Service and by a wonderful Concert in school. The girls sang beautifully on both nights, and the two second classes performed their "Little Nativity" play with great enthusiasm. We thank their teachers for all their hard work and parents for helping with costumes.

We are delighted that Maja from Ms. McCrea's class will feature in a special book to be published for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland next year. Maja wrote a letter to the Pope and also drew a picture for him. Congratulations Maja!



Thanks for all your support this term. We had an amazing response to our Christmas food appeal for the Vincent DePaul society, and the Student Council have been very busy selling raffle tickets for our school raffle every morning.

The roof project is completed and we are enjoying the extra warmth in the classrooms.



Best wishes for a very Happy Christmas.

School will reopen on Monday 8th January.

### Localise Cabra

Every Monday for a number of weeks some of Ms Haverty's 6th class have been going to Localise in the Cabra Parish Centre to help others. We start by introducing ourselves and then we talk about whom we are going to help. This year we decided on helping the elderly, because some of the elderly live alone and don't have any friends or family at Christmas time. We also made Christmas Cards and Ornaments for the nurses and patients at the Mater Hospital. We collected treats and sweets for a hamper that we will bring to the hospital. We can't wait to go to the hospital to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Abi Keating, 6th

### HSCL News

We ran several successful classes for parents/grandparents in St. Catherine's this term, including Crafts and First Aid. Our Parenting course was a great success. Some parents have become members of the Cabra Local Education Committee. Mental Health and Wellbeing is the chosen topic for activities for the coming year.

### Irish Aid Filming

On November 30th the Irish Aid Filming crew came and filmed Mrs. Haverty's 6th class for the Irish Aid new video which aims to get other schools involved in the Irish Aid awards. 6th class learned all about fair-trade and the journey of chocolate and bananas from Africa. Irish aid filmed us making fair trade biscuits. The crew asked us lots of questions about what Irish Aid do in other developing countries. The biscuits tasted very nice. Three girls got to do an interview too. The video will be up on the Irish Aid website on January 16th 2018. We were all very proud of ourselves that day.

Caitlyn Frawley, 6th Class



### Mansion House

I won a Fire Safety Art Competition and I was invited to the Mansion House to get my prize. I designed a poster with trees, a fire and a helicopter. I received my prize. I got lots of photos with my family. There were a lot of treats in my prize bag. I even got to sit in a real fire engine. My day was amazing.

**Simona Kobzosova, 3rd Class**

### My Christmas Wish List

I wish that babies in hospital will have a joyful Christmas.  
I hope that my brother gets well soon.  
I wish that the homeless people will get a house to stay in for Winter.  
I hope that the polar bears and other animals living in the arctic have a nice Christmas.  
I wish that the people in the hospital get well soon.  
I hope that there will be no wars on earth.  
I wish that Santa will have energy to give out the presents for the poor people.  
I hope that the people who work in our school have a Merry Christmas.

I wish all people a peaceful time.

**Helena Jackiewicz, 3rd Class**



### Our Hot Chocolate

On the first of December Ms Harvey gave us a surprise by making hot chocolate. We all went to the cookery room with our pencils and our First Steps copy. Ms Harvey brought two large pieces of paper to write on and stuck them onto the wall. Our teacher told us about Procedural Writing and how you write it. First was our title and it was 'Warm Winter Hot Chocolate' and then we wrote our goal. After that, we wrote about the equipment needed and started our steps. Sadly, we didn't make the hot chocolate but Ms Harvey did. A few minutes later, Ms Harvey served us the Chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows. Finally, we finished our drink and we ate lunch in the kitchen. It was delicious, and fun at the same time.

**Zara Denosta, 5th Class**



### A Little Nativity

We are performing a play called "A Little Nativity". We practised really hard to try get it perfect.

We have microphones so that parents at the back can hear everyone. We have to be very quiet because there are some microphones hanging from the curtains on the stage.

You have to pay attention to your part, because if you don't you will mess the play up!

**Amy Dixon Gill, 2nd Class**

### Choir Update!

The Choir have been practising very hard for Christmas. We sang in the Parish Carol Service on Thursday 14th December. We sang "Deep Midwinter" and "Great day in Bethlehem". We really enjoyed singing in the Church.

**Antonina Brychcy, 4th Class**



### The Trade Fair

On the 30th of November, 6th class went to St. Dominics Secondary School. They invited us to a Trade Fair. When we got into the school, we went to the Library where the fair was taking place. They were selling Slime, Popsockets, Mugs and much more amazing handmade items. Everyone in our class bought slime. There was music playing all our favourite songs. It was a spectacular day.

**Taylor Foran McAuley, 6th Class**

### Our Christmas Boxes

Our class made Christmas Boxes for children in Africa and Eastern Europe. Firstly we gathered shoe boxes, then we gathered presents to place inside. In each box we put something to wear, something to wash with, something to write with and toys to play with. We wrapped the boxes with Christmas wrapping paper. We stuck a sticker on each box and we ticked a box to show if it was for a boy or a girl, and also the age group. We put a donation for the Charity Team Hope in each box. We really enjoyed making the boxes and we hope the children who receive them get a big surprise and have a very Happy Christmas.

**5th Class**



### Growing Dot

We did an amazing Art lesson called Growing Dot. Our teacher gave us all A3 pages with a black dot in the middle of the page. We had to draw the first thing that popped into our head when we saw the dot, but the twist was nobody was allowed to know what others were drawing. So we all put our schoolbags onto the table and blocked off our desks. I looked at the dot and saw a waiter in dungarees, and when it was printed it had lots of stripes on it. I drew a Christmas design on the shirt. Everybody's was different and beautiful in its own way, and I was really shocked at the big reveal at the end.

**Ellie Clarke, 5th Class**

### Sam Maguire

On December 6th the Sam Maguire Cup came to our school. All of our school had an assembly. Liam our GAA coach was asking us questions about the Sam Maguire and we had to answer all of his questions. We sang Molly Malone. It was also amazing learning more about the Sam Maguire. All the classes got a photo with **Hollie Bolton, 6th Class**

### Irish Aid Projects

This year Ms Haverty's 6th class completed projects about Irish Aid and Fairtrade. We started off doing mini projects about the African countries that Irish aid helps. Then we went on to learn about fair trade. Once we found out about fair trade we wanted to help. Some people brought in fair trade wrappers. When we brought them in we thought we should make fair trade cookies, while we were baking Irish Aid came in and recorded us. We really enjoyed doing the Irish aid projects.

**Sarah Gill, 6th Class**

**There is an ongoing problem with cars parking dangerously at and around the school gates. We ask that you leave the entrance area around the gates free so that children can enter and exit the school safely.**

