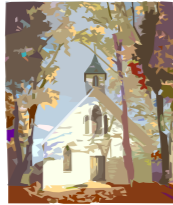


### Anne of Green Gables

Dear Rachel,  
I adopted a girl from the orphanage. Her name is Anne Shirley. She is eleven years old. We were meant to adopt a boy because Matthew has trouble with his heart and we need a boy to help him. We do not know how the mistake happened. I am getting some supper now so I have to go.  
Bye.

From Marilla Cuthbert xxx  
**Samantha Hosey**  
**Ms O'Neills' 4th Class**



Dear Alice,  
We adopted a girl. Her name is Anne. She was rude to Rachel and she went to Church with flowers pinned to her hat. She just made a new friend and her name is Dianna. Matthew really likes her and she is a big chatterbox.  
How are you?  
From Marilla.  
**Lauren Young**  
**Ms O'Neill's 3rd Class**

### Phoenix Park

One Thursday, my class and I went to Phoenix Park for Tree Day. First, we went to the toilet. Second, we had some lunch. Third, we got our coats on. Then we got going. It was a very long walk. After that, we arrived at the Phoenix Park and we learned about all the trees. We collected leaves from the ground. We collected leaves for our art.  
I had a great day.

By **Ava Fox**,  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Ms. Sutton**



### Our visit to Santa Sabina House

Yesterday afternoon the two 4th classes went to Santa Sabina house and we wore Santa hats too. We were going to sing the Sisters some Christmas Carols.  
After all the songs, we gave a card to each sister. Then we talked to every sister and we wanted to get a picture with them.  
After we did all that, we went back to school. We really enjoyed the day.

**Caitlin Donohoe**  
**Ms Lawler's 4th Class**



### Christmas

**C** is for the candle in the window.  
**H** is for the happiness in all the families  
**R** is for reindeer playing in the North Pole  
**I** is ivy on everyone's door  
**S** for the stockings hanging on the fireplace  
**T** are toys to play with  
**M** for the Mums and Dads cooking the delicious dinner for us to eat.  
**A** for angles celebrating up in Heaven.  
**S** for singing sweet Christmas songs around the Christmas tree.

**Emma O'Shea**  
**Ms O'Neill's 4th Class**



### Here Comes Winter

Snow is falling  
Watch out for a snowball fight  
Come on, let's play  
Let's build a snowman alright  
Let's get carrots,  
Let's get rock  
let's go and have some fun.  
Winter is here  
Ooh it's cold,  
Let's have hot chocolate  
And warm up,  
Go winter.

**Laura Onwualu Ms O'Neill's 3rd Class**



### Book Review - Holes:

Characters: Stanley, Zero, Xray, Squid, Magnet, Armpit, Zigzag, The Warden, Kate Barlow, Mr. Sir, Mr Pendanski.  
Holes is a fantastic story about a boy who had an option to go to jail or to Camp Green lake! He decided to go to Camp Green Lake for the reason that he had never been at camp before. Camp Green Lake wasn't any normal camp! The boys had to dig a five foot hole everyday as punishment. Stanley meets this boy called Zero, they start to bond and as the boys dig holes, they see you can die very easily. There are lots of twists and turns to the book that I don't want to give away!! I highly recommend this book to all ages. It's a really good and interesting book.

**Natalie Onwualu.**  
**Ms Cummins 6th Class**



# St. Catherine's Senior School

## NEWSLETTER

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter.  
We have lots of good news to report from St. Catherine's since September.



Our Athletics team competed in the Cross Country races in Santry Stadium, recording great times in their races and the school was represented at Comhairle na nÓg by two sixth class pupils.

Congratulations to Liwia on her winning entry in the Fire Safety art competition.  
Liwia's picture was chosen for their 2015 calendar.



Our Green Schools Committee completed a travel audit with a representative from An Taisce as part of our preparation for our fourth Green Flag. They are working with the Active Schools Committee to find ways of improving our fitness in an environmentally friendly way.

During October, fifth class celebrated Mission Month by holding a very successful Bake Sale for the missions in Chile.

Our Student Council is in place and the girls meet every week to discuss a wide range of topics and ideas.



Thank you to all who supported our recent sponsored walk. Having achieved our target of painting all the classrooms, we are now planning to paint the corridors. We could not do this without your support. Thanks also to those who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul food appeal, which will be distributed locally.

Girls from sixth class were involved in the Localise community project in Cabra. This initiative helped develop appreciation of their local community and concluded with a party for the elderly and the distribution of handmade Christmas cards.



Preparation is already underway for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We thank Sr. Philomena and Fr. Greene for their dedicated work with the girls throughout the year.

The girls enjoyed their Christmas visit to Santa Sabina House to sing some Christmas Carols and chat with the Sisters afterwards.

Our Christmas Concert "Cinder Eile" was a wonderful success. A huge thank you to Miss O'Neill for all her work and creativity and to the entire staff for their energy and commitment in staging the show. Hardly drawing a breath, Miss O'Neill and Miss Lawler will be taking their classes to the RDS in February for the Peace Proms.

Finally, wishing you all the joys of Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
School re-opens on January 5th 2015.



**Ms Haverty's Class** learned how to make winter wreaths. Erin tells us how it's done. Description: This is a winter wreath. It is made with different coloured leaves.

You will need:

Cardboard. Compass. Scissors. Paper.

Pencil. Paint. Glue. Ribbon. Cones.

A Paintbrush.

Method:

1. Paint the white paper in different colours.
2. When the paint dries, cut in the shape of leaves.
3. Draw a circle on the hard cardboard. Then draw another circle around the first circle about 3cm out from the first circle.
4. Cut out the circle in the middle of the wreath.
5. Glue the edge of the leaves to the wreath.
6. Arrange them in layers to overlap them.
7. Add some ribbon and cones and hang your wreath on your door.



### The Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas with the children asleep, and St. Nicholas was flying with presents he certainly won't keep.

The beautiful chimney decorated with holly, When the children wake up, They're going to be jolly.

The Christmas tree lit up all night, You can see it from our window, Oh, it shines so bright!



**Liwia Gajek**  
**Ms Shovlin's 5th Class**

### Tree Day

One day we went to the Phoenix Park. We went into a tree house. It was amazing. Then we went into a tree. I got stuck. Miss Sutton got my leg out of the tree. We went into the biggest maze in the land. It was the funniest maze in the world. Then we went into the deep grass. I saw bird feeders. Then we saw an animal. I think it was a badger. I jumped. It was scary. Then we went back to the school. We got our lunch. Later on it was home time. It was a great day.

**Kayleigh Larrigan Ms Sutton's 3rd Class**



### Localise

We attend a project called Localise and it's about helping the community. We decided to help the elderly. In school we made Christmas cards and decorations. 5th class helped us. Five 6th class girls went door to door to the old peoples' houses and gave them a Christmas card and a decoration.

**Kristin and Rachel**  
**Ms Carroll's 6th Class**



### Christmas

**By Catherine Serenko**  
**Ms Haverty's 5th Class**

Christmas is for giving

Helping others

Receiving presents

I love Christmas

So much fun

Taking gifts

Music all around

All families come together

So many people

**Celebrating Christmas!!**



### Bake Sale

On October 24th, 5th class had a Bake Sale. We were all very excited. 5th class were selling the cakes. They all looked nice. First we had to get everything set up. The bake sale was in aid of the missions in Chile. We sold lots of delicious cakes to all the classes. We headed back to class and we had some of our cakes for lunch. We raised over €500 for the missions. I hope we can do something similar very soon again.

**Laoise Carson**

### School Self Evaluation

On a recent visit to the school, the Department Inspector was very impressed with our School Improvement Plan in Maths. We will begin the process for Spelling after Christmas.



### Our Trip to the Phoenix Park

On the 9th of October our school went on a trip to the Phoenix Park. We walked there with our teacher. We were there because it was National Tree Day. The ladies names who were giving us the tour were Bernadette and Madeleine. The first tree we learned about was a sycamore tree. The next tree was an oak tree. We collected a lot of conkers, acorns and leaves. But unfortunately our day came to an end and we had to walk back to the school. We had a fantastic day.



**Kym Culligan. Ms Shovlin's 5th Class**

### An Autumn Evening

One cold and windy evening my family and I went on a long walk with my dog. We went past the scary forest. I saw some colourful leaves. It was fun. The part I did not like was when it started to rain. We had to get shelter. I saw some conkers. I picked them up. When we went home it started to rain again. Thank God I was in my house watching T.V. with my Mum. My Mum and I were watching cookery shows. Then my Mum said I had to go to bed. I said my prayers and went to bed. I had a good day.



**Hannah Ward Ms McCrea's 2nd Class**

### Halloween Evening

At Halloween I went Trick or Treating. We walked to the shop. I dressed up as a princess. It was freezing cold. My little cousin was a scary vampire. When we went out of the shop I got lots and lots of sweets. It was very windy. Along the way we saw lots of people. My little cousin Kayla was very happy. She loved Halloween. Later on we went home. It was great fun. We were so tired that night. We fell asleep in our warm cosy beds I had a sleep over with my cousin. It was the best Halloween ever.



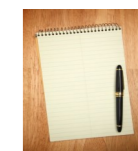
**Sophie and Hannah Ms McCrea's 2nd Class**

### Anne of Green Gables

**Ms O'Neill's Class** are reading the novel Anne of Green Gables.

This is a letter Marilla wrote to her friend:

Dear Mrs Barry,  
I adopted a child. Her name is Anne Shirley. She is twelve years old. She is a lovely red haired girl with a vivid imagination and she is very quick tempered most of the time. Other than that she is a nice polite girl. Dianna is welcome any time to my home to play with Anne.  
Yours sincerely,  
Marilla Cuthbert.



**Taylor Foran McAuley**

**Ms O'Neill's 3rd Class**