



St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

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St. Patrick's Day

On St. Patrick's Day I got up at 10a.m. I put on my socks and I went downstairs. I said 'Hi' to all of my family. Then I got my breakfast and ate it all. After that I got dressed to go to the Botanic Gardens. We went into the stem room and we felt all of the prickly cacti. After that, we went to get sweets. I got jellies and so did my sister. Then we went home and we had some dinner and we had a really great time watching television. We watched a film called "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day". It was very funny. After we watched the film we went to bed.

Sarah Gill
Ms Sutton's 3rd Class



St. Patrick's Day

I got up and got dressed and knocked for my friend, Ryan. Kelly and I asked Ryan 'Do you want to come to the parade?' Ryan said 'no' Kelly and I went back to our house. Then we all went to the parade. We went to my cousin's great nanny's house. We all watched the parade there. I enjoyed it. I got some sweets. The men in the hats were my favourite part. The music was very loud. The parade was over and we all went home. Kelly and I played in the car. Ryan and I played in his garden. Then we played with chalk.

We played a circus game.
I had a great day.

Shannon O'Flaherty
Ms Sutton's 2nd Class



My Mother

You knew her since you were small,
Now you know her when you're tall.
She tells you not to run in the hall,
As you will end up with a great big fall.
I love my mother and she loves me.
I'm the happiest person that I can be.

Katherine Serenko Ms Martin's 5th Class

Acrostic Poem

P eople gathered around
A t the sides of the path
R oad all blocked we cannot pass
A ll the drummers drumming loud and clear
D ancers dancing beautifully as
E very year!

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

The Parade

Parades are fun,
And the floats are wonderful
Though it is noisy
Roaring and shouting people
I still like it
Cherishing the moment.
Kind of exciting

Taylor McAuley Ms O'Neill's 3rd Class



Acrostic Poem

P atrick was the Saint of Ireland
A nd he banished snakes
R eal snakes
A ll kinds of colours
D own a hole
E veryone of them

Katie Ann Butler Ms O'Neill's 4th Class

Book Reading by Ms Lawler's 4th Class

Our class have read a book called "Danger is Everywhere" by David O'Doherty. This was part of the Citywide Reading Scheme. The book is about Doctor Noel and his life as a dangerologist. There are lots of funny parts in the story, including the illustrations by Chris Judge. We all enjoyed reading the book and recommend you read it too. As Part of the Citywide Reading Scheme, we participated in a comic strip competition. We made our own comic strip based on the adventures of a dangerologist. There were three categories: originality, most imaginative and best layout and illustrations. The winners were Carla, Tori Ennis, Anna, Brooke, Lucy and Molly. They won Easter eggs and certificates. There were bookmarks for everybody who read the book and the girls who took part got small Easter eggs. Two girls who participated in the competition also won signed illustrations by the illustrator and author. We really enjoyed learning to become dangerologists! Look out!

A collection of the students' writing

Welcome to the Easter edition of our Newsletter.

Spring has arrived and the girls have celebrated with a Music and Art week followed by Seachtain na Gaeilge. Some classes have been out and about, while others have learned about schools long ago and nature waking from its Winter sleep. We are delighted with the response to our WOW! Days (Walk on Wednesdays) and hope to see more girls walk to school now that the mornings are brighter.



Happy Easter

Wishing you a very happy Easter from
All in St. Catherine's Senior School



Waterways Ireland

On Tuesday the 10th February at 10.30am, my class and I went on a school tour to the Waterways Ireland Visitor Centre beside the Grand Canal Dock. The people there work for Waterways Ireland. When we first arrived, we entered a place that looked like a lighthouse as it was tall and thin and it had a spiral stairs that leads all the way up to the top.

Then we listened to a presentation by a nice lady called Jenny. She told us about how the Grand Canal Dock started, what it was used for and what it looked like. The ships that went through the docks first brought goods like turf, drift wood and beer such as Guinness.

After the talk we put on yellow jackets and went outside with a man named Seán. He talked about the water and we saw swans. After that we went back inside and gave back our yellow jackets and said thank you. Finally, we got back on the bus.

When we got back to the classroom we got orange juice, a penguin bar, a magnifying glass, a pen and a certificate.

We had a brilliant day!

Anna Kavanagh
Ms Martin's 5th Class.



A life of a Butterfly

This is a report about the life of a butterfly. There are four stages of the life of a butterfly. First the butterfly lays an egg. She uses a glue that she makes herself to glue the egg to the leaf. The caterpillar will stay in the egg for about 2 weeks, then it hatches. When it hatches it eats all of the shell. It will keep eating, eating and eating until it nearly blows up. Then it starts to make a cocoon. She will stay in it for a few weeks. When she hatches she will have to dry her wings. She can fly off and lay some eggs.

Shannon Crawford Ms McCrea's 2nd Class.



Dear Diary 1936

I am excited today. I arrived early in school. My teacher was surprised to see me in early. She was so surprised that she gave me a job. I got to give out the ink. Then I got to light the fire. There was not much turf, but then I remembered that I had more turf in my bag. It was as warm as an oven! Soon lots of children came in. My teacher was so proud of me that she let me draw a picture. After school, before we went home we got to do art. We made paper owls. It was super fun. Then I got to cycle home. It was the best day ever.

Bye from Niamh Devine

Niamh Devine Ms McCrea's 2nd



The Zoo

On the 23rd February the class and I went on a trip to Dublin Zoo. We went there as part of our science project. When we got to the Zoo two ladies gave us a tour of the African plains. We learned about the giraffe, zebra, ostrich and rhinoceros. Then we went to see the elephants. The ladies told us that they had to leave us. After the tour of the African plains we went home. We had wonderful day.

Kym Culligan

Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



Spring

Lots of things happen during Spring
As we hear those Church bells ring.
Baby animals coming into the world.

The sun is shining, oh so bright
As little birds take their first flight
So many animals coming out of hibernation,
There's so many they could make up
a whole nation.

Spring cleaning is back,
As Mothers hurry to make their house great.
As children play outside
Skating and having an amazing time.

Spring, Oh beautiful spring,
please come again next year!

Natalie King Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



Our 6th Class Book Swap

On Friday the 6th of March, our class held a book swap. Lots of people brought in used books in exchange for raffle tickets. We spread out all the books on big tables for the children to see. The first class who came in were Ms Lawler's class and the last class was Ms Cummins. The book swap was a lot of fun. A lot of girls have new books to read.

Georgia and Yana

Ms Carroll's 6th Class



Seachtain na Gaeilge

On Friday the 13th March we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge.

As we were celebrating, we were allowed to dress up in green, white or orange.

At 1.00pm we went down to the hall for the Ceilí and the winners of the poster competition were announced. There was a prize for the girl who spoke the most Irish during the week. After the winners were announced we danced to "Cuir Bróg ar an Asal" "Balláí Limnigh" agus "An Staicín Eorna". Everyday this week traditional Irish songs and a seannfhocail were played over the intercom.

Jessica Mulraney Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



Leinster House

On Wednesday the 4th of February my class and I went to Leinster House.

Leinster House has two parts, one part is the Dáil, the other is the Seanad. Our class went to both. When we got to Leinster House we met a lady called Anne. She works for Paschal Donohue. She showed us where to go. When we were on our way to the reception we met a man called Michael Ring, the Minister for Tourism and Sport. When we went into the Dáil, we had to be very quiet. We listened for 30 minutes. Then we went on a tour around the Dáil with a man called Chris. After a while we met Paschal Donohue, the Minister for Transport. He talked to us about lots of things. He also gave us a treat! I'll tell you later. After Paschal talked to us, we went to the Seanad. My eyes just popped when I saw the crystal chandeliers. Finally we went back to the reception to get our bags and coats. We headed to the restaurant. Paschal gave us a treat, we all got a bottle of Coke and a chocolate bar. Then before going on the bus, we took a picture with Paschal Donohue. After that we went home.

Analissa Michael Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



Science

Design and make a toy showing Pneumatic Power

- 1. What toy did you make?**
A pneumatic toy called Crash
 - 2. What Materials were Used?**
Paint, one balloon, a straw, two sheets of card sellotape and googly eyes.
 - 3. How is your toy showing pneumatic power?**
By blowing through the straw, the air fills up inside the balloon. As the balloon gets bigger, it pushes the card up which demonstrated pneumatic Power.
 - 4. Did your toy achieve its target? Is there anything you would change or do differently if repeating the experiment?**
Yes, it did achieve its target. I would use a bigger balloon for greater effect.. I would also use better and more colourful paper.
- Nicole Brady Ms Cummin's 6th Class**



Music and Art Week

From the 9th to the 13th February we celebrated Music and Art in school. We learned songs and practiced all week. We all decorated a musical instrument. On Friday we held a Love Concert and we all sang the songs we learned. It was great. During the week classical music was played on the intercom and we learned about famous musicians

**Madison Dornan
Ms Shovlin's 5th**

