

Paschal Donohoe visits St. Catherine's Senior School

On the 31st of March Paschal Donohoe came into Mrs Haverty's fifth class to talk about being a politician and we told him about Irish Aid.

When Paschal came into our class he started to tell us about what he does as a Minister and a politician. First he was telling us about when he went to Malawi and how a lot of people out there are extremely poor and have to live on basic rations of food and not that much water. We told him about our projects which he thought were excellent. After that it was nearly time for him to go so we presented him with a hat and bag that we had made with some of the global goals on them and then we sang one of the raps we made up about Irish Aid.

After the song we all said goodbye. We had a great time learning about what Paschal does and really enjoyed telling him about Irish Aid.
Elle Murray, 5th Class



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Easter is Here!

The Easter Bunny is coming, he'll bring us chocolate eggs.
He travels round the country, From Cork to Killybegs.
He'll hide eggs in your garden, He'll hide eggs in your house.
He tip-toes around so quietly, He's as silent as a mouse.
You'll find eggs in the kitchen. You'll find eggs in the trees.
You'll be searching high and low, crawling on your knees.
You'll find one here, and find one there
You'll grab the wrapper, they will tear,
You'll eat and eat, till you can't eat no more.
Then you'll complain your tummy's sore.

Alannah O'Donovan, 6th Class



Seachtain na Gaeilge

During Seachtain na Gaeilge some classes went down to the PE hall for an Irish Quiz. All classes sang an Irish song for the Irish concert. We learned some Irish dancing and we had a Ceili in the hall. We all made a big effort to speak Irish during the week. I really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Ava Dignam, 5th 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

Dear Parents and Friends,

Easter greetings from St. Catherine's.

The girls are looking forward to the holidays as they have been very busy since Christmas.

Second classes have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we thank Fr. Michael and Sr. Philomena for their work in preparing the girls, alongside their teachers.

Tennis lessons with second and third classes have been a great success, and we hope the girls will continue to develop their skills during the Summer months.



The sixth classes graduated in St. Patrick's College, DCU, following their Localise project. This year, the girls focussed on the problem of homelessness, and produced care bags for homeless people around Dublin. Minister Paschal Donohoe presented certificates to the girls on the night.

The Minister also came to visit our school last Friday. He listened to a presentation from Tori and Yazmin about their experience of Localise, and then visited fifth class. The class spoke about their Irish Aid project and how the achievement of the global goals for sustainable development would make the world a fairer place for everyone. They also had some very interesting questions for the Minister about the life of a politician, and I hope we will someday see a St. Catherine's girl elected as a TD to the Dáil.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Bake Sale and our Easter raffle. We appreciate your continued support.

The teachers will attend a seminar on the new Language Curriculum on Wednesday 26th of April. The school will be closed that day.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

School reopens on Monday 24th April.



Love Concert

In February my school held a Love Concert. Miss Garvey's and Miss Shovlin's classes sang 'Love me How' by John Legend and Thousand Years. We practised really hard for it and then it was time to sing. All the classes sang one or two songs. When it was our turn we all had butterflies in our stomachs, we sang and we even did actions. It was awkward because we were supposed to dab but we didn't. We all enjoyed it. We also had a prize giving competition for the winners of the song contest and Aimee Grenat, Rebecca Kone, Alannah O'Donovan and Libby Dunne won. Well Done! They had a chance to sing in front of the school and they all did. The whole school had a great day, it was great fun.

Jessi Swift, 6th Class



Animals of the Rainforest

I can see lots of spots
 I can hear the water swaying
 I can taste the juicy meat
 I can smell fear from my prey
 I feel the twigs hit my paws when I run
 I live in South and Central America
 I am a Jaguar

Ava Fox, 4th Class



Ms O'Brien's class have been busy sowing and growing a variety of plants in their classroom. So far, they have grown cress, runner beans, baby carrots, peas and sunflowers. After Easter, they will move their plants to the raised beds in the school garden.



Ms O'Brien's, 3rd Class

TALK Wellness Week

On Friday 31st March, Ms Fitzgerald and a group of girls from our school went to Erin's Isle GAA Club in Finglas on a coach. When we got there we noticed that some adults were mapping out the word TALK on the pitch. Lots and lots of schools attended. All of the schools gathered into the letters. Later on, a helicopter flew over the pitch about five times and it took an aerial photograph of us to represent anti-bullying and wellness. All of the schools got back on their coaches and went back to school. I'm sure everyone had fun because I know I did!

Carly Campbell Bond, 5th Class



My Journey to the Moon

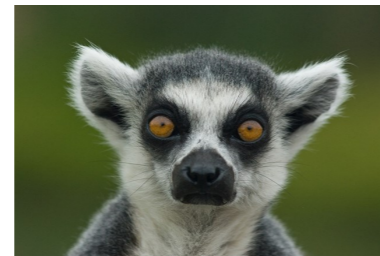
Yesterday I went to the moon with all twenty commanders, including me. We went in a huge rocket. We brought the flag of the United States with us. It was very hard to brush our teeth up in space. We could only eat food out of packets and we slept in bean bags stuck to the wall. We had to be tied into the sleeping bags so that we couldn't float up when we were sleeping. I saw whole solar system. We landed on the moon and planted the flag there. Beside the moon there were two space stations. Ten people fit in each one. It was great fun for all of us up there in space.

Ms Bourke, 2nd Class



What am I?

I can see trees being cut down
 I can hear my echoes around the tall trees
 I can taste fruits, leaves, flowers and soil
 I can smell food
 I can feel the trees when climbing
 I live in the tall trees
 I am a Lemur



Esther Doyeni, 4th Class

Our Book of Endangered Animals

WOW Fact - Orangutans live up in the biggest trees. You can only find orangutans on two islands. Male orangutans use cheek pads to make their head look bigger. Baby orangutans eat fruit that their mother has chewed for them.
 WOW Fact - Chimpanzees are so clever they can play computer games!

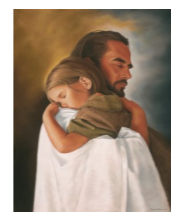
Ms Coakleys, 3rd Class



My First Reconciliation

I felt nervous on my first Reconciliation, but when I told the priest my sins I felt like I was brand new. My favourite part was when we all sang Zacchaeus. I also liked the music. It was the best day ever. My mammy gave me a big warm hug.

Maja Reilly, 3rd Class



Spelling Bee

On the 29th March, for the second year in a row, I attended the Eason Spelling Bee Competition in the Red Cow Hotel. To qualify, the school held a school competition. This year there were seventy-five participants, and the words were a lot more difficult. By the end of the fourth round, half were eliminated. Sadly, I didn't win, but I came in 6th place, so I was very proud of myself. It was an amazing experience and it was nice to have the day off, with no homework!

Rebecca Kone, 6th Class

