

Trip to the Phoenix Park

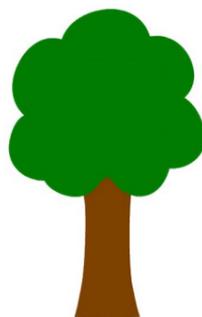
On Thursday my class and my teacher went to the Phoenix Park to look at trees for Tree Day. First we met Ger, the park ranger. We walked a little bit, collecting leaves and conkers and looking at trees.

Then we stopped at a table with a lot of leaves on it and talked about them. After that we went to look at the biggest tree in the park, The Giant Redwood. Next we saw a Weeping Willow.

Then everyone was hungry, and we walked back to school.

When we got back to school we had our break.

Maeve O'Leary 2nd Class



Dublin Castle Design Hub

On the 8th of October we went to the Design Hub in Dublin Castle to learn about design. First we went to the design exhibition, we saw different designs such as Speedo Slippers, and a camera which could take pictures and send them to your phone, iPod or laptop.

Next we went to the work shop. Shauna told us about a competition which had twelve thousand entries and there were only thirty two platinum winners. She showed us one of the Irish winners' designs.

Later on in the workshop we got to design a bridge. We had to sketch it out, get into a group of four, put our ideas together, draw that out and then build it. We learned that designing isn't easy. Once we made our design we showed everybody our different designs. Finally we got on the Dublin bus, and went back to our school. We had an enjoyable day.

Nicola O'Brien 6th Class

Mass to celebrate the new School Year

On the 15th October all of St. Catherine's Senior School went to the Church for Mass. When we got to the Church we sat down and said some quiet prayers. Later when Mass began, we listened carefully. We sang lots of hymns throughout the Mass including "Be the Hand" and "All the ends of the earth".

Later we received Holy Communion. Fr. Michael was very kind and gave us no homework. We had a nice time.

Molly Henry 5th Class



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My Magic Potion:

A potion to become a Mermaid

- ◆ First add a cup of princess hair to the cauldron.
- ◆ Next add a leg of a giant.
- ◆ Then pour a cup of kindness into the cauldron.
- ◆ Add some smiles into the mix.
- ◆ Finally add the horn of a unicorn
- ◆ Mix it all up very well
- ◆ Pour it into the bath water and when you get in, you will be a mermaid.



Libby White 2nd Class



St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to our Hallowe'en newsletter.

The girls have settled into the new school year, and have lots to report about visitors to the school, trips out and about, and activities during Friendship Week and Maths Week. Our new after school Art Club is going really well, and a new group of girls will get the chance to join in November. We welcome Fr. Michael to Cabra, and look forward to working with him during the year. We have had a busy half term, and are looking forward to our Midterm break next week.



Safety Notice

Parents are reminded not to drive into the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you.

Halloween

Do you know about a day that's not so very far away, everywhere there is orange and black and chills are running up your back.

Jack-O-Lanterns ghosts and bats, witches and goblins and big black cats. Spooky Spooks come out to play, on the thirty first, Halloween day.

So lets pick a costume we can wear and all the neighbours we will scare.

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**Samantha Hosey
5th Class**

Irish Flag

On 25th September the Defence Forces came to our school to present us with the Irish flag. When they came we sang Irelands Call. They read from the Proclamation and we learned lots about the history of the Irish flag. When we sang Irelands Call we had to stand shoulder to shoulder and stand straight and tall. Before we got the flag we were asked lots of questions about the flag like what colour it was and where the first flag was raised, which was in Waterford in 1848. We will raise our flag next March. We were all very proud that day.

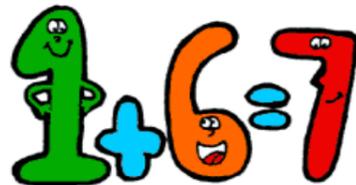
Elle Murray 4th Class



Maths Week

Last week was Maths week. Everyday we had to answer a question, we also had to teach 2nd, 3rd and 4th class maths. It was really fun and everybody enjoyed it a lot. We had to make big shapes out of small shapes, or we had to tessellate the shapes. All classes really enjoyed it.

Helen Michiu
6th Class



The Irish Flag

Last Friday the whole school went to the hall for the presentation of the Irish Flag to our school.

Two soldiers came with the flag. First of all we sang Irelands Call. Next the soldiers asked us how we were going to look after the flag. They read the Proclamation out loud. Then they gave us the flag and finally they said good bye.

Vanessa Dobrzeniak 2nd Class



A Kind Deed

We went to Santa Sabina for a concert for the nuns. We sang songs and said a few poems. We shook hands with all the nuns and gave them cards.

They gave us lots of sweets. We enjoyed ourselves and I loved talking to the nuns.

Caoimhe Samson 2nd Class



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Donegal Pen Pals

Our class are learning about rural Ireland. Our teacher contacted a Donegal School and arranged penpals for us. Everyone in our class got one or two penpals. We write letters and send them. We talk about the differences and similarities between Donegal and Dublin. We all like writing to our penpals. We are really enjoying it.

By Leah McDonnell 6th Class



Garda Safety Talk

At the beginning of October the Gardaí came in to talk about Hallowe'en safety. They showed us some pictures and they showed us safety tips about Hallowe'en. Everybody should keep away from bonfires and fireworks because they said bonfires and fireworks are illegal in Ireland.

The Gardaí said that we have to have something that will brighten up our costumes because some people will have dark costumes and the cars will not see them if they are dark, so have a flashlight. I had so much fun learning about Hallowe'en.

Lucy Gill 5th Class

HALLOWE'EN

Haunted Houses are awake
All the ghosts are haunting tonight
Lollies and Chocolate
Lots more sweets
Owls hooting in the moonlight
We are scared
Everyone's afraid
Everything is so scary
Night of Hallowe'en

By Liwia Gajek 6th Class



Rugby Skills

In mid September we started Rugby, tag rugby to be exact. Our coach Stephen has taught us so much, so special thanks to him and Maz. We have also been taught how to play games in a rugby version. Maz has given us tips how to pass and stay with the ball. In the upcoming days 5th and 6th class will be attending a rugby blitz against five other well known schools. Hopefully we will score some tries. Ms O'Reilly has been really generous to us for giving us an opportunity to learn rugby. I hope to start rugby again next year because it is a fun experience.

Rebecca Kone 5th Class



Dublin Zoo Keeper Visit

On Tuesday we had an exciting visit from Gerry Creighton, a Dublin Zookeeper. He gave us lots of information and facts about animals. Gerry showed us a video of the Zoo at night time. The video was of a little badger stealing an ostrich egg. The badger was very clever because it brought the egg up the hill and let it roll down so it would crack open and the badger had a midnight snack. Finally we got to ask questions and it was really interesting getting to know all about the animals. Gerry gave us magazines and posters to keep.

By Isabella Campion 3rd Class



Oíche Shamhna

Tá hata ar mo cheann
Tá coire i mo lámha
Tá cnamha ar an talamh
Tá realtaí sa spéir.

Tá mo mhála lán le milseáin
Tá maisiúchain i ngach áit
Tá cailleach sa speir
Tá taibhse i mo theach.

Ag imirt cluichí le mo cháirde
Tá damhain alla ar mo hata
Tá líon damhain alla ar an mballa
Is maith liom Oíche Shamhna

Mary Doyeni 6th Class

Friendship week

From Monday 28th September to Friday October 2nd, it was friendship week. All the classes were doing something friendship related. My class drew and cut out hearts and placed a title on it, it said "Friendship is the golden thread that ties all hearts together".

Throughout the whole week, everyone had to choose a friendship skill and illustrate it on a page. It was a competition and Anna Jose won in my class. I had so much fun and I wish Friendship week was on every week.

Sheazy Rato 5th Class

