

Trick or Treat

The pumpkins are ready for Halloween
Run, run zombies are coming to catch us
I love going to Halloween parties
Clip clop the zombies walk
Kitty cats are wild at Halloween
Other people asking for sweets
Roaring coming from the forest
Tick tock the time is up for the pumpkins
Reading spooky stories
Everywhere scary zombies
Try going into a haunted house

By Alishba Ali
2nd Class



Tree Day

Today we went to the Phoenix Park.
The President's gardener gave us a tour and told us lots of facts about trees. These are some of the interesting things Phil told us

- The wood from Ash trees is used to make Hurls
- The Holly tree is an evergreen tree
- Acorns fall from the Oak tree
- Helicopters fly in the wind so they can land somewhere there is lots of room to grow into a sycamore tree.

By Leah O' Neill
2nd Class



Cross Country

On 5th October 2016 we went to cross country races. First we got our shorts and we put our tracksuit over them. We got our bus and drove to the Stadium.
When we got there it was so exciting!
We picked a place to meet up after the races.
We jogged around the track so we knew where to go when the race started. 5th class ran first. I finished the race without stopping and after the race we got a t-shirt. Finally 6th class ran their race. Twenty minutes later we left.
We got two mini-vans back to the school.
It was a great day. I love Cross-Country running!

Lauren Young
5th Class



Sa Teach Siúil

Sa teach siúil, chonaic mé puimcin oráiste.
Bhí ceol scanrúil. Chonaic mé púca bán.
Shuí mé sa seomra suite.
Bhí an púca ag damhsa.
Bhí mé ag gáire.

Abbie Fennell
2nd Class



The Sound of Silence

Can you hear the flowers blooming?
How about the little ants moving?
Does the rising sun make a sound?
Or maybe a little spider on the ground?
Have you heard the grass growing?
Or sparkling snowflakes when it is snowing?
No. These are the sounds of silence.

Niamh Devine 4th Class

Marathon Kids

In September we met a coach called Mary, so we can improve our fitness. We started off slowly to get an idea of how we were going to train for Marathon Kids. We used a book called Marathon Kids and at the end of 8 weeks we will run 26.2 miles! When we train, we have to try to walk non-stop. We have to run two laps around the Bogies. Everyday we write what we did in the Marathon Kids book. There's a rectangle on the end of the page to write what distance we have ran so far. We are having so much fun. It is tiring but at the end of training we can see an improvement in our fitness.

Alexandra O'Carroll 5th Class

Maths Week

The whole school participated in Maths week in our school. We had a maths problem to solve everyday and I won on Tuesday! We made witches hats with shapes and patterns, and displayed them outside the Office. We held a senior maths quiz in the Hall. We had so much fun! Carly Campbell Bond 5th Class



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A Word from the Principal



Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter.

The first eight weeks have been action packed for the girls. The entire school walked to the Phoenix Park to celebrate National Tree Day, where they were met by the gardening team, and taken on nature walks around the park. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful amenity on our doorstep.

Fifth and sixth classes are taking part in the Airtricity Kids Marathon for the first time this year. The programme focusses on the physical, mental, social and educational benefits of exercise, and during the eight weeks the girls will run 26.2 miles. The final mile will be run in the Bogies in December.

Miss Waters continues with her athletics club after school, and Miss McCrea will begin her Art Club after midterm with 6th class.



We welcome six new teachers to St. Catherine's this year, and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

Good Luck!

We say farewell to Miss O'Neill and thank her for her wonderful service to our school throughout her career. Miss O'Neill fostered a love of reading and creative writing with all her classes, and developed the confidence of many girls through the Christmas Concerts. We wish her every happiness and a relaxing retirement.

Have a safe and happy midterm.

Some Reminders:

- Please call to the Office to sign out pupils who are going home early.
- For the safety of the children, please do not park close to the school gates.
- Please return all sponsorship cards to the Office
- School reopens on Monday 7th November

Thank You

Our Trip to Cabra Community College

On Thursday 15th September at eleven o'clock, 5th and 6th classes went to Cabra Community College for an Open Day.

Firstly we went to the PE room where we were split up into groups. I did skipping with Amy.

After that we went to the Home Economics room. We decorated cupcakes, I made a butterfly cupcake. It was delicious.

Finally, we came together and had a raffle, were given goody bags and went home. It was a great day.

Molly Rooney Walsh, 6th Class

The Spectacular Trip to Phoenix Park

On Thursday 6th October we walked to the Phoenix Park for 'Tree Day' to learn about nature. We were lucky the weather was nice. We waited a while because we were too early and the park ranger wasn't ready. So we looked for conkers and acorns. When our park ranger came he told us that he was the main park ranger for Áras an Uachtaran. He also told us that he planted Irish Oak trees for lots of famous people like Barack Obama, Queen Elizabeth II and President Michael D. Higgins. He also told us a lot about trees and how to take care of them. We also saw our athletics coach Mary there.

We walked back up to our school and we ate a lot of food because we were so hungry and thirsty, but mostly hungry. We were very tired but we still really enjoyed the trip to Phoenix Park.

**Sheazy Rato & Anna Jose
6th Class**



FREAKY

Freaky people on the street
Reaching children to eat their sweets
Evil vampires out at night
And giving poison apples with mice
Kicking, screaming, trying to escape
Yes Halloween is a scary night

**Kayleigh McDonnell
4th class**



Bake Sale

On Friday 14th October we had a bake sale. It was for all of the people in Chile because they had a big earthquake.

First we came in and we all inspected each others cakes. Then when everyone was in we learned some Irish.

After lunch we got our cakes ready to put at the stalls. I shared with Katie.

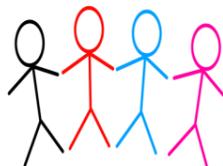
The first class that came in was Ms. Garvey's. They bought loads of our treats! Other classes came and then we were finally finished.

We raised over €500 for Fr. Greene in Chile and we were delighted with ourselves! **Sarah Gill 5th class**

Everyone knows we are Bestos

Friends are always there
No matter when or where
Sometimes friends have to say bye
And some friends are shy
Friends are small but some are tall
But we need to get along
The birds in the sky
The friends walking by
But all you look at
Is your best friend's eye

By
**Alexia Farell
& Caitlin Glynn
4th Class**



Maths Week

Last week was Maths week. Everyday we did a Maths problem and whoever won got a prize. On Tuesday we had a maths quiz in the hall. Everyone was put into groups. On Wednesday we designed a witch's hat for Maths week and we paired up with a second class and played games. On Thursday we played Mangahigh which is a maths game online. On Friday we gave out prizes for maths week and paired with second class and played games and tangrams. It was great fun.

By **Lucy Gill 6th Class**



Our School Mass

On Tuesday September 20th, our school went to a Mass for the start of the school year. We were lucky that the weather was nice as we walked to the Church. All of the girls in the Choir sat at the front of the Church.

We walked into the Church and we took our seats. During the Homily, Fr. Michael asked the girls lots of questions. He asked about Jesus' birthday, he told us about Jesus and he spoke about the age of Jesus when he left home. We sang peacefully after we prayed. We received Holy Communion. The second class girls received a blessing, Then we went back to our seats and prayed. Fr. Michael told the teachers that the girls were not to have homework. We sang the Dominican Jubilee 800 hymn "Laudare" at the end of Mass.

We walked back to the school and we ate our lunch. We were very happy that we had no homework. Thank you to Fr. Michael for giving us such a lovely Mass to begin our school year.



Mona Bakare 6th class

Athletics

On 10th September in the Bogies our class went to athletics because our school is a healthy and fit school.

Every Tuesday in the Bogies for half an hour, we stretched and ran a lap or two. We conditioned for about 5-10 minutes to warm up. We also played games like leap frog, octopus and we had fun. We did a few obstacle courses. We skipped, side stepped and walked backwards and did that over and over again. In our last session, Mary brought her dog Teddy along. He is a Terrier. Teddy was running with our class and he is very fast.

We all felt a little bit tired after running with Mary. When we went back to our school, we ate our lunch and then went back to work.

By **Alisha Molloy & Amy McNamara**



Hallow'een

Howling wild in the night
Angry ghosts give you a fright
Large zombies lurking near
Laughing witches you will fear
Orange pumpkin, mean and scary
Wicked wolves horrible and hairy
Now, Halloween is scary, right?

**Chelsea Madronio
3rd class**



Tree Day

We went to the Phoenix Park to learn about nature. We were split into two groups and our guide's name was Ann. We looked at all the trees and collected lots of conkers and acorns. We had a great time and I would love to go on tree day again next year. **Elle Murray 5th Class**

