

Trip to the Library

On Wednesday the 11th of October Ms Haverty's 6th Class were invited to Cabra Library to meet Brian Gallagher the author, and to talk about his books.

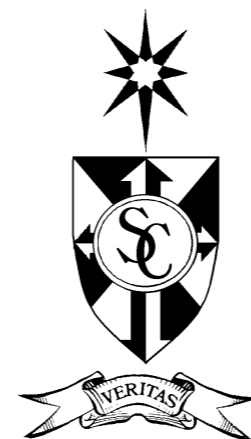
That morning we left to go the library. When we got there, we were greeted by the man who had organised for us to come and we were then seated in a room where Brian was going to talk to us. Another class from a different school was there too.

When everyone was settled down, Brian started to talk about his career as an author, how he became an author and why he decided to become a writer.

After that Brian showed us some of his books and the covers that were chosen for his books. Then he told us about how he is a script writer for Fair City and how he worked with the BBC. Finally he read us an extract from his book *Secrets and Shadows*. It was very interesting.

We all had such a good time learning about his books and his career and would love to meet him again. Some of us might even be inspired to become authors ourselves.

Elle Murray, 6th Class



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Welcome to our October newsletter.



The girls are well settled into school by now, and are working hard as we approach the Hallowe'en break. We thank Fr. Michael for helping us celebrate our new school year with Mass in the Parish Church.

The entire school visited the Phoenix Park for National Tree Day. The Park Rangers brought the classes on guided tours and the girls returned laden with colourful leaves and chestnuts.

Our new roof is almost complete and we can already feel the benefit. Thank you for your co-operation during the renovations. Our next plan is to paint the corridors. The sponsored walk money will go towards this expensive project.

We are delighted to announce the formation of a Diversity Committee in the school. At present, 28 nationalities are represented through our school population.

This week we held a Science Fair, where all classes presented their projects in the Hall, having explored and investigated the different strands of the Science curriculum. On Tuesday, a representative from the Intel Mini Scientist programme came to judge the projects. She was very impressed with the girls' knowledge and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Alexandra from sixth class whose project was chosen to go forward to the regional finals.

A huge thank you to all who supported our Bake Sale for Chile. We raised an amazing €688 which we will send to Fr. Greene for his mission there. Special thanks to all the families who baked delicious cakes for the occasion.



Children will need to bring a coat to school for yard time after the Midterm break. Please label all coats etc.

Enjoy the Midterm break and stay safe at Hallowe'en.

School re-opens on Monday 6th November.



Choir

Every Thursday classes have been going to Choir after school. We have been singing really nice songs and we have been playing singing games. The songs we have learned are "Christ be our light" and "Spirit filled day". We all really enjoy going to choir.

 **Ms O'Brien's, 4th Class**
Choir

The Science Fair

On Tuesday the 24th of October each class created a project and designed a poster for the science fair. It took place in the P.E hall. Each class had twenty minutes to look at all the projects. About five classes came down to us before the judge arrived. The judge was from Intel. The judge's name was Aisling and she was very nice. She loved all the projects. Aisling was very proud of everyone. She had to pick 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! The winners were Ms Heeney's, Ms O'Brien's and Ms. Haverty's projects. They all got a prize from Intel. It was so much fun! A while after Aisling left, more classes came to view the posters and projects. Our favourite one was "How to make a cloud". This project will be going to the regional finals. When the Science fair was over everyone was exhausted but we really enjoyed it.

Megan & Isabella, 5th Class





Phoenix Park—Tree Day

On the 5th of October we went to the Phoenix Park for tree day. We were waiting at the big tree for the park ranger called Donal.

We learned all about horse chestnut trees and lime trees. When we were waiting at the tree we found some conkers. When we came back to school, we planted an alder sapling. It will grow into a tall tree in many years.



Aisling Reid, 2nd Class



Dublin has two big wins ~ The Sam Maguire Cup & The Brendan Martin Cup.

The Dublin Senior Men have won 3 All Ireland finals in a row. Dublin have the best teams in Ireland. They have beaten Mayo twice. The Senior Ladies team won the Brendan Martin Cup and the men won the Sam Maguire. Our school is hoping that the girls will come in and show us the Brendan Martin cup as we saw the Sam Maguire lots of times. We had great fun knitting hairbands and making Dublin Mascots.

UP THE DUBS!!

Kacey Cooney, 5th Class



Sr. Maeve comes to Visit

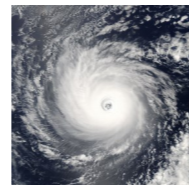
Sr. Maeve came to Ms. Haverty's 6th Class on the 18th of October to tell us about her experience during Hurricane Katrina.

We are reading Sr. Maeve's book *Riding Out the Hurricane* and four girls had finished the book. When she came in she told us about the character's real lives.

Then she showed us some pictures and told us some of the things she saw and heard during the disaster. After that we had a questions and answers session.

We learned so much about the hurricane and we had a great day.

We hope Sr. Maeve will come and visit again when we are finished the book!

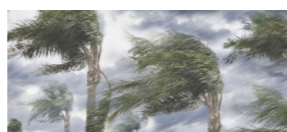


Lauren Young, 6th Class

Our News

Today is Wednesday the 18th of October. It is a cold and frosty morning. We had two extra days off school due to Hurricane Ophelia. Lots of trees fell down making the roads very dangerous. In Co. Cork a roof blew off a school hall. We think about those people who lost loved ones during the hurricane.

Abbie Petit De Mange, 2nd Class



Friendship Week 2017

On the last week of September it was Friendship Week in our school. The entire school took part in different friendship games and activities. We learned lots of helpful tips about how to be a good friend. We had a friendship assembly on Friday. It was so much fun.

Yasmin Donovan, 3rd Class



Science Week

This term we held a Science week. Every class in the school were involved. All during the week, experiments and investigations were taking place.

Miss Haverty's 6th class brought in some materials for experiments and carried them out for the rest of the class.

Some of the experiments the girls brought in were 'How to make a Lava Lamp', 'How to make a cloud' and 'The Soap Boat'. Some of the experiments we did in class with Miss Haverty were dyeing a cloth with red cabbage and looking at salt crystals and sugar crystals through a magnifying glass. We also filtered dirty water. It was very exciting.

We had so much fun during science week 2017 and I would love to do it again.

Emma Fitzgerald, 6th Class



Our Garden

In our school garden there are flowers and it has a fairy door. The fairy door was open when we went out to the garden. There were lots of plants and we looked at all of them.

Afterwards we went back into the school and we had to wait until the downstairs class went out. Then I went home with my mammy and I went to the homework club.



Kaylee Foy, 3rd 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