

# St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

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## *A Word from the Principal*

Dear Parents and Friends,



As we come to the end of another successful year in St. Catherine's, we thank all parents and the Board of Management for their support in helping us create a wonderful school experience for our pupils. This term has seen the opening of our new school garden. All classes planted vegetable or flower seeds, and transplanted them into our raised beds. We have bird feeders, insect hotels and frogs! We also have a little grotto, where the girls can sit and reflect on the wonders of nature.



Congratulations to Miss Shovlin's class who won the Trocaire Better World Award for their project on climate change. The judges came to the school and presented the class with certificates and a painting from Sierra Leone.

Miss Haverty's class travelled to Dublin Castle to receive their trophy in the Our World Irish Aid Awards ceremony. Minister Joe McHugh was on hand to present the medals and trophy, and he was very impressed with their project on the United Nations Global Goals.

As a result of all the classes work in Science and Maths this year, we received our Discover Science and Maths plaque for 2017 from Science Foundation Ireland. You can see the girls work on our website.



We thank Sr. Philomena and Fr. Michael for their work with the sacramental classes. Both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were beautiful, prayerful occasions and we were delighted to welcome Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to the parish for Confirmation this year. The school choir, conducted by Miss O'Brien and accompanied by Miss Bourke, sang beautifully on both occasions. Well done, girls!

We have been granted a new roof, complete with the latest insulation, through the Summer Works scheme. This is a huge project, and although it will begin during the holidays, it will not be completed by September, so we will have to be careful of scaffolding when we return to school.

We welcome our new second class girls and say goodbye to sixth class.

We wish them every success and happiness in their new schools.

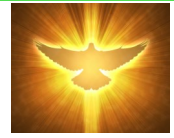
School reopens on **Thursday 31st August**. *Happy holidays!*



## Confirmation

On Sunday June 11th, 6th Class made their Confirmation. We prepared by going to Mass every week and practising. We made scrapbooks and worked on them nearly everyday. The Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin confirmed us.

Fr. Michael and Fr. John Joe were also present. We are very grateful to Sr. Philomena for all her help and support in the lead up to our Confirmation. We had lots of fun and a great day. **Molly Rooney Walsh, 6th Class**



## Bee Friendly

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May a Biodiversity expert, Brenda Palmer came to our school. She taught us about bumble bees. She said bumble bees love to collect pollen from flowers. She also showed us how to make a nest for the bumble bee so it is safe in your garden. She said you need a tennis ball, a pot, newspaper and hay. You bury this pot under the ground with a hose poking out for them to enter the nest. Then we made "bee friendly" flowers for the bumble bees. We needed soil, sunflower seeds, and a pot. When we were finished planting and Brenda left, we got to keep our plants.

We had a "Bee Friendly" Day!

**Elizabet Gordijenko, 4th Class**



## Flat Stanley

We read the book Flat Stanley in our class. We created our own Flat Stanley and we posted them to different people. Flat Stanley visited RTE Studios and he also went to London, Poland and Wales. We even got a photo of him at a water fall in Ecuador. We can't wait to see where Flat Stanley will go next.

**Ashley Dooner, 2nd Class**

## Santry

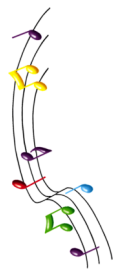
Santry is a Stadium where running races are held. Before you go to Santry you have to try out and I got in! There are four people chosen each year. We ran the relay races where you have to pass the baton to your team. My team got 2nd place but only 1st place qualified for the final. There are also single races where the fastest runner in your year runs against the others. Hazel was in my year. Even if we didn't win anything it was really great fun either way.

**Sheazy Rato, 6th Class**

## Hing Hang Hong

At the Hing Hang Hong  
Where the clocks go bong  
And children all sing a song  
Where the kettle goes ting  
And the toaster goes pop  
And children all still sing

**Lilie, Maeve and Kayleigh, 3rd Class**



## Summer, Summer

Summer, Summer, I love you.  
Even the Mams and Dads do too.  
There is no rain and no snow.  
I do get sunburnt though!  
Summer, Summer, I love you.  
Even cats and dogs do too.  
There is no hail or sleet,  
And I eat ice cream as a treat

**Eva Mulligan, 3rd Class**



## Baker Bob

Baker Bob has bread dough hair,  
And coughs up flour everywhere,  
In place of his mouth he has a line of frosting.  
When he lies he shoots out pies,  
He has a block of butter for his nose,  
Rolled up pancakes for his toes,  
Cupcakes ears and batter tears.

**Megan O'Rourke, 4th Class**

### Summer

At the beach I like to play, under the sun all through the day.  
When its hot I like to get in the pool, its very relaxing and very cool.  
My cousins and I like to make ice , to cool us down, its very nice.  
I like summer for just one reason, my favourite month is in this season.

**Alex Hennessy, 3rd Class**



### Confirmation

On Sunday 11th of June, 6th class made their Confirmation.  
During May, Ms Garvey's class and Ms Shovlin's class went on their retreat in Tallaght.  
It was so much fun. Everyone there was so nice and a lady gave us orange juice and biscuits at lunchtime.

On the 1st of June we had our Service of Light. You had to bring your baptismal candle.  
Your parent or your sponsor had to go up with you to light your candle from the Paschal candle.

Then the 11th of June finally came! Everyone had to get up early and get ready. The Confirmation Mass was at 11.30am. Everyone looked amazing. Girls and boys were doing jobs and readings. The Archbishop was really nice to us.  
Everyone had a great day.

The 12th of June was also amazing. We went to school in our outfits, got our pictures taken and then I went to Blanchardstown with my friends and had lots of fun.

**Mia McGuinness, 6th Class**



### Sports Day

On the 20th of June we had our sports day. We had lots of activities to do. First we all went to the Boggies to do the egg and spoon race, the wheelbarrow Race, the three legged race and the sack race. It was great.

Next we walked back to school and we did the tug of war, an obstacle course and then we had a water station. After the water station we had volley ball, and after that we had our dance station. In the dance station we had hula hoops, ribbons and lots more.

After that we enjoyed Ice pops. I got strawberry flavour. Thank you Ms Waters and Ms Clarke for a lovely sports day 2017.

**Sarah Sue Emmerson, 4th Class**



### Chocolate Caitlin

Chocolate Caitlin eats chocolate every day  
And never gets fat in any way.

In place of her eyes are chocolate chips,  
Her hair is made from chocolate strips.

Her nose is made from chocolate bars.

From her mouth is chocolate frosting.

Her house is very cool,  
Melted chocolate in her pool.

**Niamh Devine, 4th Class**



### Trócaire Project

This year our class did a project for the Trócaire Better World Awards. We made board games, t-shirts and wrote songs. The board games are called 'CJ's Game of Climate Change' and 'Save the world and make it a Better Place'. The songs are called 'Find it in your Heart' and 'Climate Change - Not Today'. We also made a snap game called 'Snap out of Climate Change'. We sent it to Trócaire and they contacted us because they wanted to visit us to see our hard work and play the board games.

We can't wait.

Emma O'Shea, 6th Class 

### German Classes

On the 4th May, several girls from both fourth classes and all of fifth class began German classes in St. Dominics College. When we arrived at the school we met Ms McCarthy, the German teacher in St. Dominic's. She told us that the fourth year students would be teaching us. The fourth class and fifth class went into different rooms. The girl who was teaching me, her name was Aoibheann. On the first day we learned the basics like hello, goodbye, please and thank you. Later we learned colours and numbers, we also played a few games in German.

On the last day we all went into the school library. We played a few games for about fifteen minutes then we got certificates, 7up and biscuits.

Roisín Tighe, 4th Class

### Partnership for the Goals

Ms. Haverty's 5th class went to the Irish Aid National finals on June 13th.

We left at 8.30 to get the public bus up to Dublin Castle. We had to leave early as we were going to show the judges our Mannequin Challenge. When we got there we got to colour some masks and make some comics. Then more schools from all over Ireland started to arrive. We had some lunch and went to see some of the other schools' projects.

Then we went to the main conference hall for the trophies. We learned a language called Swahili with a girl from Irish Aid and also Minister Joe McHugh. We saw some performances from four schools. When we showed the Mannequin Challenge, we were asked a few questions.

We had a great time that day and we were delighted to receive our Irish Aid award and our medals.

Hazel Maguire, 5th Class



### School Completion Programme

On the 15th of May we had a school completion programme about our hopes and fears for going into secondary school. Sylvia from the school completion programme and Garry told us to write a list about your hopes and fears. On the 17th of May we went on a tour of St. Dominic's. We were put into four groups. Then the St. Dominic's girls showed us classrooms. On the 23rd we learned about detention and the rules. We learned lots of things.

Caitlin Donohoe, 6th Class

### An extract from Helena's Story 'There is a tiger in my house'.

Once upon a time there was a girl called Mia. She had blonde hair like the sun and blue eyes like sea. She lived in a house beside the zoo. One day Mia's Dad asked her 'do you want to go to the jungle for two weeks?' Yes, of course said Mia. In the jungle they saw a gorilla, a lion, a leopard and a baby tiger.

Helena Jackiewicz, 2nd Class