

Trip to R.T.E

On Wednesday the 3rd of June five girls from our class went to R.T.E. We went on the bus. We went to the cafeteria and Ms Lawler bought us drinks. Two guides showed us around the set of *Fair City*. It was so cool. We saw the houses and all of the shops on the set. Finally we went back into the building and there we met Sharon Ní Bheolain. She showed us around News 2 Day and the six o'clock News set. We watched a broadcast of News 2 Day. Then they gave us beakers, pencils and an R.T.E. guide magazine.

Finally we said goodbye and went back to school. We are so grateful to Sharon for inviting us to R.T.E. for a very memorable day. **Madison Dornan. Ms Shovlin's Class**



Mary Aikenhead Heritage Centre

On 17th June the Fifth Classes, along with Sr. Philomena and our teachers went to a Heritage Centre dedicated to Mary Aikenhead. We met with Sr. Mary who welcomed us and showed us around. First, Ms. Martin's class viewed different rooms of the Centre. We went to a room where Mary Aikenhead used to write letters. We also saw her bedroom. We saw her wheelchair, which she used in later life. There was a water bottle made of tin on the wheelchair to keep her feet warm. After that, we saw the story of Mary Aikenhead on different screens. Then, we all had lunch and a treat from Sr. Mary. After that, we went to a rose garden. There were lots of pretty flowers. Finally, we went back to school. We had so much fun and we really enjoyed our trip.

Sophie McManus. Ms. Martin's Class.

Active Week

On Monday the 15th of June we began our Active Week. We went to the Bogies and had a timed race. On Tuesday we had our Sports Day. First my class had water games then we did lots of other fun activities such as rounders and dancing. Our final activity was tag rugby. After all the activities, all the classes gathered outside and we were dancing and had ice pops. It was a brilliant sports day. On Wednesday we had a hula hoop competition. First all the classes held a competition, then the best three girls from all the classes went against each other. On Thursday each class went outside to do skipping. It was fun. On Friday, a Zumba teacher came to our school for more dancing. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, even the teachers were dancing. At the end of the week, when everyone went home we were very tired from our busy Active Week.

Samana Ali. Ms Martin's 5th Class.



A Joyful Occasion

Confirmed adult in the church
 Oils we were baptised with
 Nerves from going up to sing
 Family and friends celebrating
 In a pair of heels for the day
 Robes worn to cover our clothes
 Monsignor saying a wonderful Mass
 At the church
 The Mass ending and going down to Credo
 In a car to see the family
 On the way home from the country
 Now happy with the Holy Spirit.

**Kelsey Cahill
 Ms Heeney's 6th**



Discover Science Plaque of Excellence

In May we received a Plaque of Excellence for all our hard work in Science and Maths. Here are some of the experiments we conducted:

1. We made butter
2. We tested acids
3. We tested how plants drink using celery
4. We dyed white cloths with red water from red cabbage
5. We measured the school yard with trundle wheels
6. We investigated the new flyover bridge on the Ratoath Road
7. We went to Dublin Zoo
8. We mixed oil with water
9. We made an electrical quiz
10. We investigated whether taller people have bigger feet.

We worked hard all year in science and maths and we were delighted to receive this Plaque as recognition for our work.



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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Friends,

The summer holidays are almost upon us and we are delighted to bring you the latest news from St. Catherine's School.

We recently received our Discover Primary Science and Maths Award from Science Foundation Ireland. Every class conducted experiments and carried out fact-finding maths activities for our application. We are delighted with the result!

The Green Schools Committee and the Active School Committee have had a very busy year. The response to our WOW days (Walk on Wednesdays) has been terrific and we hope to have even more girls walking to school in September. Thanks to Ms Waters, Ms O'Dwyer, Ms Savage and Ms Carroll for their great work with the girls.

Our "We are Writers" project produced a Recipe Book this year. Included are some celebrity recipes from the Minister of Education, chef Neven Maguire, Riverdance founder Moya Doherty and many more. The girls typed recipes from their families to include in the book, and Miss Shovlin's class were featured in the Evening Herald.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our cake sale and fundraising activities during the year.

Second class completed their preparation for First Holy Communion which they celebrated in May. It was a very special day for everyone. Sixth class were Confirmed by Monsignor John Fitzpatrick on Pentecost Sunday and the girls enjoyed the prayerful, happy occasion. We thank Ms O'Neill and Ms Lawler and the school choir for the beautiful singing and music on both occasions. Thanks also to Sr. Philomena for her great work in preparing the classes for the Sacraments.



We thank Fr. Greene for his work and dedication to our school during the past eight years. We wish him every success as he travels to Chile for his new mission. We will miss his visits to St. Catherine's.

During the holidays, all the windows are being replaced. It is a huge job and we are looking forward to returning to a more energy efficient school.

Our sixth class are moving on to second level, and we wish them every success in their new schools.

Check out our website www.stcatherinessenior.com to see a short video about our activities during the year.

**Wishing you a safe and happy Summer.
 School re-opens on Monday 31st August**



Ms O'Neill's 4th Class

This year we went to swimming lessons. I loved having fun with my friends. I enjoyed the walk in the Phoenix Park, the Christmas concert and Santry races. **Samantha Hosey.**



All year I enjoyed everything but my favourite parts of the year were the bake sale, swimming and art. **Molly Rooney Walsh.** I had a great time with my friends at the bake sale and I sold lots of delicious cakes. **Taylor Ledwidge.**

Summer Poem

S Sometimes there is a breeze but it won't make you freeze,
U Under the tree, I saw a bee. It looked at me!
M My mam got a tan and my Dad became a new man
M My sister got a blister. She let out a scream so I got her an ice-cream.
E Everyone was nice to me so I was very happy.
R Really, I enjoyed it. I loved when my sister got me a toy-kit.
T Timmy, my friend, said it's not the end of Summer.
I I was happy till the end of summer.
M My Mam and I joined a summer clan
E Everyone had fun.
Sarah Gill Ms Sutton's 3rd Class



Samhradh

Surfáil ar an trá
An aimsir ag éirí níos te
Madra ag rith ar an trá
Hata samhraidh ar an trá
Rásanna ar an trá
Ag léin sna tonnta
Dith mé slush puppy
Hip Hip horray, is breá liom an Samhradh.
Ali Sutton
Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



School Crests are available to buy in the Office. Price €2.50



Trip to the Phoenix Park

On Monday 22nd of June our class went to the Visitor Centre in the Phoenix Park. First we watched a video about the history of the Park. We walked around the centre. Then a man took us on a tour of the castle. We learned lots of interesting facts about it. After that, we played Frisbee, twister and chasing in the trees. Everyone enjoyed it. It was a lovely end to our sixth class.

Iza Antepowicz Ms Carroll's 6th Class

Our school tour

We got on the bus at 9:00. Kayla and I made up a handshake. The bus driver put on lots of Frozen songs. Then, when we got there, we had to put our bags in the cafe. We went to play Crazy Golf. It was so much fun. Then, I played in the playground. In the playground, I played on the zip line and the swings. I had to line up for a long time to go on the zip line. After the playground, we had our lunch. I had a chicken fillet roll and a bag of sweets. Later, we went on a walk to look at the animals. We got to hold the rabbit. It was really fun. Then, we went on the train. We were singing songs and we saw the bog. Then when we got off the train we went to Funky forest for ten minutes. We kept going down the dark slide. After the Funky Forest we got our bags and got onto the bus for home. We were singing a lot of songs. We had a great day.

Tori O' Connor 3rd Class Ms. Sutton

A letter to Alexander Graham Bell

Dear Mr Bell,
We are very thankful for the telephone, but now it is called a phone. Remember when you invented the telephone so people could talk to others? Now on a phone you can play games and look at photographs and you can also send messages. A phone is very easy to use. Some phones even have a touch screen, like the iPhone. I also have a phone of my own. It took a lot of time to figure out my password but the phone is really popular, and a lot of people rely on their phones to contact people and play games and music.

Jessica Sibeko
Ms McCrea 2nd Class



Confirmation

On the 24th of May we made our Confirmation. It was a great success. After our Confirmation, Miss O'Reilly asked us if would we like to give €2 from our Confirmation money to help start a mother and toddler group for poor people in the Inner City. We were very delighted to know that we would be helping the group. When we brought in our €2, Ms Heeney bought toys for the children. We sent them to the group. It was a great experience.

Natalie Onwualu Miss Heeney's 6th Class

Sports Day

Tuesday the 16th of June was our Sports Day. First we went to the Bogies for races. We started off with the 'egg and spoon race'. We also had a sack race, three legged race and a sprinting race. We had our lunch and after lunch we went to the dance station, it was really good fun. We used hula hoops and bon bons. Then we went to the hall for Badminton and Hockey. We went to the Obstacle course next, we had to go against a person on the other team. We played tag rugby and then tug of war. It was very sore when we pulled the rope. Before lunch we went to the water games. Each team had a bucket and you had to get a cup and scoop up water in the cup and run and put it in the other bucket. The first team to fill their bucket won. We then had to go for our lunch. After lunch we played rounders with Kevin. We went out to the grass and three girls from sixth class taught us a dance. It was really good. At the end of the day we got ice-pops and played chasing and talked. I really enjoyed Sports Day.

Hannah Donohoe
Ms Shovlin's 5th Class



Peace Proms: Ms O'Neill's Classes

I loved when we took part in the Peace Proms and I loved the projects and the Christmas concert and making new friends. **Lauren Young 3rd Class**
My favourite event this year was the Christmas play. **Caitlin Frawley 3rd Class**
My favourite part was the bake sale because all the cakes were delicious and well decorated. **Carly Campbell Bond 3rd Class**



God's World

I'm closer to God in my heart and soul,
Jesus is my family
Love and Joy
He has welcomed me to his heart,
The Monsignor accepted me into the Church
At night I pray for my loved ones
I now release the dove out of my heart
And into the world.

Abby Gore
Ms Heeney's 6th Class



We are Writers

Our school was making a recipe book called "We are Writers" Ms Shovlin's and Ms Lawler's classes thought it would be a good idea to get recipes from celebrities, to put in the book. The celebrities who sent recipes to us are in the book! We got recipes from Lucy Kennedy, Leo Vardakar, Michael O'Leary and even Enda Kenny!

Ms Lawler's 4th Class

