



# St. Catherine's Senior School

## Newsletter

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### A collection of the students' writing



#### The Giraffe



I came across a giraffe  
On the way to school.  
His tongue was very long  
And his legs were very spotty.  
I hid him in my suitcase  
So that teacher would not see.  
He stayed there very quietly  
Until frightened by a lion.  
**Gracy Nasralla, 2nd Class**

#### The Seal



I came across a seal  
On the way to school.  
His tail was very slippery  
And his eyes were very red.  
I hid him under teacher's desk  
So that teacher would not see.  
He stayed there very quietly  
Until frightened by teacher's feet.  
**Katherine Serenko, 2nd Class**



#### The Snow Leopard

I came across a snow leopard  
On the way to school.  
His skin was very white  
And his eyes were very cute.  
I hid him in my box  
So that teacher would not see.  
He stayed there very quietly  
Until frightened by a teacher.  
**Jodie Curley, 2nd Class**

#### Big Ship Goes Down!



On the 11th of April 1912, the Titanic set sail for New York from Southampton. It had around 2000 people on board. Radio reports from other ships were sent about icebergs, but their warnings were ignored. Frederick Fleet spotted an iceberg straight ahead. His warnings were too late to stop the crash.

When the ship hit the iceberg, it ripped open the side of the ship. Water started to pour in and it was rising quickly. Signals were sent to the nearest liner, but their radio was off. The ship started to turn to one side and sink. Everyone scrambled for the lifeboats. There were only enough lifeboats for half the people because they thought the ship was unsinkable.

Around 1,490 people died in the sinking of the 'Titanic'. This was one of the most tragic events in the world.

**Leah Donaldson, 6th Class**



#### Diary of a Child Worker in the Industrial Revolution

Dear Diary,

It is Monday today, the busiest day of the week. Today I was working in the mines opening the doors. Someone passed out in another part of the mine and another trapper was blamed. Today was also interesting because I found an old stopwatch in the mine. I brought the watch home. I have never been to school because I am busy working all day. My family is very poor and we live in a 'back-to-back' house. The job doesn't pay well, but at least I get paid.

**Elle Gray, 6th Class**

## St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a festival for the Irish. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day because it is our way of thanking St. Patrick. We all wear green, orange or gold in honour of the Irish flag. You can watch the parade on TV or you could go. Each year, Shauna, Mammy, Mason and I go to the parade. The parade is a big story. Last year, it was about two children who go on a big adventure to find the funny bone of Ireland. They put a lot of work into the floats and costumes.

Brooke McCarthy, 4th Class

## Honey Bee

The honey bee is an insect. The honey bee is bright yellow and orange. It has six small black legs. They live together in hives in many countries around the world. Honey bees collect nectar. They dance on the honeycomb to show the other bees where the best flowers for honey are. Most people like the honey that the honey bees work so hard to make.



Chloe Gore, 4th Class

## Happy Mother's Day



M ammy you are kind,  
O bviously you care for us.  
T he best mother in the world.  
H ow you care and love me.  
E very day you love me.  
R efreshes us with love and care.  
S ometimes when I'm sad, I think of you.

Natalie King, 2nd Class

## Rivers

Rivers are water that flows along in parks or anywhere. Rivers have fresh water in them. They usually start in mountains and flow out to the sea.

A source is the start of a river. Meanders are where the rivers go like squiggles and twist and turn. Tributaries are small rivers that join into big rivers. The mouth is where the river flows out to sea.

The river Liffey is a big long river. It is in Dublin. The Liffey starts in the Wicklow mountains. It ends at the Irish Sea and flows through Dublin. Rivers are important because if we didn't have rivers, we wouldn't have water. We should look after them so we can have water.

Lauren Kelly, 4th Class



## Food Dudes



The 'Food Dudes' is about your health. My school are doing 'Food Dudes'. We have to eat carrots, tomatoes, raisins, peppers, apples, bananas and oranges. I like doing it. We watch episodes of the 'Food Dudes'. The 'Food Dudes' names are Raz who like raspberries, Tom who likes tomatoes, Rocco who likes broccoli and Charlie who likes carrots. I love fruits and vegetables!

Rebecca Devereux, 3rd Class

## Badgers



Badgers are mammals. They are nocturnal. Badgers are dark grey or black. Badgers have black and white stripes down their faces.

Most badgers live in deciduous forests. Their home is called a sett. They make their setts out of bluebells.

A badger's favourite food is earthworms. Badgers find their food in the ground. Badgers normally eat in the night.

Rachel Callanan, 3rd Class

## Fruit is an important part of a healthy diet



Although everyone would not agree. I want to say that fruit is very healthy for your body. I have several reasons for arguing this point of view. My first reason is that fruit will make you healthy giving your body important vitamins.

Eating five portions of fruit and vegetables every day is recommended as part of a healthy, balanced diet. Also eating fruit has many health benefits such as reducing the risk of heart disease, cancer and asthma.

Furthermore, fruit is really delicious and sweet. There is a wide variety of fruit like strawberries, oranges, bananas etc. and they're much better to eat than sweets.

Though others may argue that fruit is not nice and it's expensive or that they can't give up sweets, I think that I have shown fruit is very good for you and your body.

**Leanne Foy, 6th Class**

## How to play a game of Snap



*Goal:* Follow these instructions to play snap.

*Materials:* 4 people, table, prizes, a pack of cards.

1. Take the cards out of the packs.
2. Shuffle the cards.
3. Give everyone the same amount of cards.
4. Then turn the cards around.
5. Then play snap.
6. If there are two cards the same, you say snap and you put your hand on them.
7. Then take the cards.
8. The person who has the most wins.

*Test:* Check if the instructions were followed for a good game of snap.

**Madison Dornan, 2nd Class**

## Story Prediction: 'I believe in Unicorns'

**Author: Michael Morurgo**

I think the story is about a small boy in his own world who believes in unicorns. He uses his imagination to see the unicorns.

He sees them everywhere he goes and can't stop thinking about them. He uses wands to help himself to get onto unicorns then makes them fly and talk.

This small boy thinks that every unicorn he sees belongs to him. He asks his mum to buy him a unicorn and books about unicorns.



**Nikita Walker, 6th Class**

## I have a Dream

I dream of being a designer,  
For there can't be any finer  
To make stylish clothes all day,  
And have it all my way.



Fashion designing is the game  
And fame is my aim,  
Skirts, dresses and tops of every sort  
I could even venture into sport.

Venture to London, Paris,  
New York and Milan  
And make the finest dresses in the land.  
Colour and fabrics like no other  
Made to be passed on from one to another!

**Amy McGarry, 6th Class**

## The Zoo



I went to the zoo on Monday the 19th of March. I went with my aunty, my cousin, my brother and my Mum.

I saw a lot of animals such as a grey wolf, a monkey, a gorilla, a hippo, a lion, a tiger, a zebra and loads more. When I got to the middle of the zoo, I bought two pencils, one with a zebra and one with a giraffe.

Finally I went home. It was a great day. My favourite animal was a zebra.

**Miriam Farrell, 3rd Class**

## The Monarch Butterfly



There are thousands of different butterflies. Each of these are insects including the monarch butterfly.

The monarch has a very small head with feelers—also known as antennae. The butterfly has two compound eyes which are made up of hundreds of six sided lenses. It has a mouth like a straw called proboscis. The adult butterfly has beautiful designs with beautiful colours on their wings.

Birds are the butterfly's main predator. Other predators are stink bugs, wasps and spiders. The monarch loves to eat milkweed. It takes five minutes to eat all the milkweed. Sometimes, flies and wasps lay eggs on the monarch's body to live. This kills the monarch.

Oddly enough, baby butterflies look nothing like their parents. This is because the baby butterfly is a caterpillar. When the female lays her egg, the caterpillar hatches a few days later. The caterpillar will eat and continue to eat, and after a few weeks they become five times their original size. After a while, the caterpillar enters a hard casing called a chrysalis. A butterfly usually lives for two to four weeks, but the monarch lives to five months.



**Amy Gogan and Casey Dunne, 5th Class**

## An Extract from 'Superkids'



Once upon a time there was a couple named Scott and Sarah who had four kids Kyle, Katie, Kaci and James. Scott thought that they should go on holidays so he talked to Sarah. They packed and waited till the next day. It was Saturday morning. Scott called a taxi to collect them and bring them to the airport. Kyle was very excited. A few hours later they landed. Spain was very hot. They got their bags and got on the bus that brought them to the hotel where they unpacked and got ready for the swimming pool. Kyle needed armbands because he couldn't swim that well, but Katie and Kaci were excellent swimmers. James was only four so he needed armbands too. Kyle wanted to go to the shops to get a bucket and spade for the beach the next day. Katie and Kaci and Kyle walked down the road and to the shops. When they got there, two men in black suits and big black coats were outside the shop, Kyle got scared but they kept walking. When they walked out of the shop, one of the men tried to grab Kyle. Katie turned around put her hand out and said "STOP!" Then the man froze and other one ran away. That is when Katie, Kaci and Kyle found out that they were SUPERKIDS. Kaci had a stretchy body, Katie had ice and Kyle had speed and fire. They ran back home to tell their parents. They were so excited to tell them, but Scott wasn't happy he was afraid they would get hurt using their powers but they didn't get hurt.

**Jodie Dunne, 5th Class**



*Wishing you all a very happy and Holy Easter, from the staff of St. Catherine's Senior School.*

