

Our Archaeological Dig

During the week we were learning about ancient Egypt with Mr. Brophy. We learned about the Pharaohs' tombs in the pyramids. Pharaohs were buried with lots of gold, jewellery, food, and even mummified cats to help them in the after life. We learned that people named Archaeologists excavated the pyramids to find lost tombs. They would spend days digging slowly looking for any fossils or Artefacts. A fossil was a living thing and an Artefact was a man-made object. In Class we did our own Archaeological dig where Mr. Brophy gave us lots of sand with objects buried in them. We had to dig slowly to find the objects and then say if they were fossils or artefacts. We used plastic spoons to dig and a paintbrush to brush the sand off. It was great fun.



Lexi Gore, 4th Class

HSCL update

During this term, parents and grandparents of the Senior School have been busy attending the various courses and classes on offer: Parent and Toddler, Relaxation and Stress Reduction, conversation classes for learners of English and Spring Craft. Some parents helped the girls in Second, Third and Fourth classes to make some cute Easter Crafts.

The Cabra Local Education Committee organised a well-attended talk presented by Barnardo's about internet safety/cyberbullying in St. Finbarr's GAA Club. The Cabra-Finglas HSCL cluster organised a Wellness Fair on 7th March where lots of Parents availed of the free advice and beauty/relaxation treatments on offer. Yoga and Let's Open the Life Skills Toolbox will be new courses on offer next term. Thanks to all for your continued support for HSCL activities.

Irish Aid

The first week of March 2018 Ms Padden's 6th class started their Irish Aid projects. Some girls from the class made up songs, raps and dances. Other girls worked hard on writing and drawing for their projects.

On Thursday 22nd of March we are presenting our projects to the younger students.

We hope that they enjoy them.

Our class really hopes that we will make it through to the final this year.

Emma Fitzgerald, 6th Class

St. Patrick's Day

It was St. Patrick's day on Saturday. There were lots of Parades. I went to see the Parade in town. We had a celebration at home, it was fun. We had lots of sweets. My friend was there as well. We were looking at St. Patrick's movie. We had fun.

Antonia Smutna, 2nd 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



St. Catherine's Senior School

Easter 2018

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends,

The snowfall has not affected the work in St. Catherine's!

We celebrated Visual Arts in the school with a very successful Art and Music week. Seachtain na Gaeilge also showcased the wonderful talents of all the girls. Congratulations to everyone involved.



We were delighted to welcome the Apostolic Nuncio to the school recently.

Archbishop Okolo spoke to the girls about the upcoming visit of Pope Francis, and patiently answered the many questions they asked him. The Choir sang the hymn for the World Meeting of Families, and everyone received a prayer card of Pope Francis.



The Green Schools Committee have completed the application for our Biodiversity flag. Some classes have visited the Botanic Gardens or gone on an Eco-Safari, while others are busy sowing seeds for transplanting into the garden when the weather improves. You can read a special song composed by the girls in the newsletter. We are looking forward to sunny days outdoors.

Congratulations to 6th class who feature on the new promotional video for Irish Aid. Their presentation and communication skills are excellent!

Our newly formed camogie team travelled to Castleknock this week for their first match. Well done girls!



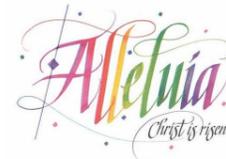
Maja, whose letter to Pope Francis was chosen for publication in the book "Welcome Pope Francis", will soon appear on the RTE *Today Show* to talk about her letter.

We look forward to seeing her!

Thanks to all who bought tickets for our Easter raffle.

The Student Council did a brilliant job selling the tickets each morning.

Best wishes for a safe and Happy Easter.



School reopens on Monday 9th April.

Limerick

There once was a young man from Clare,
the colour white was all he would wear,
he walked past a wall,
you couldn't see him at all,
but was later found by a bear.

There once was a tall girl from Spain,
Who went totally insane,
she broke out of jail,
but O dear, left a trail,
and got put back in chains.

Niamh Devine, 5th Class

Preparing for Confirmation

On the 20th of May 2018 Ms Padden's 6th Class are going to make their Confirmation and with the help of Sr. Philomena we are preparing for our big day. Every Thursday we go to the Oratory and have a lesson about our Confirmation.

We are very thankful to our teacher, Sr. Philomena and Ms O'Reilly for preparing us for our Confirmation.

Abi Keating, 6th Class



Mr Dan in the Van

Once there was a man called Dan
He could drive in a van
So he got in a van and went to the bank
And filled up his tank
Then he picked up his fan in Japan.

Amber Cooney, 3rd Class

The Botanic Gardens

On Tuesday 13th February Ms Heeney's and Ms Harvey's 5th Classes went to the *Delve Deeper* workshop in the Botanic Gardens. We were there for about two and a half hours looking around the gardens and looking at plants and bugs through a microscope. Then we went for our lunch. We got the bus back to school.

Caragh Kelly, 5th Class



Easter Bunnies

On Wednesday we made Easter bunnies. Five parents came in to help us. We made them with rice, socks, elastic bands and googly eyes. We had lots and lots of fun.

Chloe Whelan and Abbey McGuinness, 2nd Class

Stephen Hawking, Scientist (1942-2018)

Stephen Hawking was born in Oxford, England. He enjoyed Maths and Science when he was younger. He completed a PHD in Physics and Chemistry in Cambridge University. While he was a student he started to feel unwell. Doctors discovered he had ALS when he was 21. He worked even harder researching black holes and space. In 1988, he published his most successful book, *A Brief History in Time*. Eventually, he was confined to a wheelchair and lost his voice, but he used a computer to speak.

He was a very intelligent and interesting man.

Ms McCrea's 3rd/4th Class



Camogie Team and Training

Our school recently started a Camogie team. Liam is our coach. Liam has taught us lots about camogie. We have all progressed and our skills have improved. We train every Tuesday and we play matches every Wednesday. When we play matches we play against other schools around Dublin.

Kayla Flaherty, 6th Class

Ms Harvey's 5th class and Ms Shovlin's 2nd class composed a song to promote Biodiversity. They are entering this song into the Bord na Móna Eco-warriors competition.

Litterbug

(To the song *Cheerleader* by Omi)

When I need a solution to the problem that is pollution... yeah...

We should always love and care for the nature everywhere

But what we really wanna see is biodiversity.

Do you care?

Do you want fresh air?

Does it make you feel guilty for not doing your share?

Oh I think that I found myself a litter bug, she is always right there when there's litter (x2)

She looks like a bottle, she never listens when I tell her she's the problem, oh no.

She will never ever blossom and she'll never be awesome

She refuses to clean; she's like a very bad dream.

You know... she's a bee buzzing in the trees,

All the kids over there screaming "Biodiversity",

Do you care?

Do you want fresh air?

Do you want to see the trees?

Do you want to feel the breeze?

Oh I think that I found myself a litter bug, she is always right there when there's litter (x2)

She gives us love and affection,

Oh, did I mention

She's a girl who cares for me

But who will be the next one?

We all love her too

We must make the right decisions

Now all that's left to do

Is show the earth protection.



St. Patrick's Day

On St. Patrick's Day I watched the parade on TV. I saw the bands and the instruments they were playing. I saw the dancers doing flips and handstands. I saw beautiful floats. There were thousands of people. It looked like fun.

Robyn Ahrends, 2nd Class

Fantastic Manta Ray

A Manta Ray is a fish and it lives in the sea. A Manta Ray looks like a bowl and a Manta Ray has no teeth. It is blueish grey in colour. Mantas live in warm temperatures in the ocean. I think Manta Rays are cool as they can camouflage against their habitat.

Niamh McGaughran, 3rd Class



Seachtain na Gaeilge

On Friday 16th March the whole school danced *Shoe the Donkey*. We dressed up in Green, White and Orange. Every class sang a song in Irish and 4th Class sang *Amhrain na gCupan* with the actions. It was a great concert and some girls did Irish Dancing. We thank Ms Ni Bhroin and Ms Garvey for everything. It was a great day.

Alexandra Frunze, 2nd Class