

## Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was born on the 18th July 1918. He was born in the Transkei region of South Africa. His birth name was Rolihlahla. His father was a chief and had 4 wives. When Nelson was 7 years old it was decided that he would be sent to school on the other side of the hill. On the first day of school his teacher gave him a new name—Nelson. He was aged 9 when his father died and the new chief of the Thembu tribe adopted Nelson. When Nelson was 16 years old he went to university. The chief arranged a marriage for his adopted son. Nelson did not like this and instead ran away to the big city of Johannesburg. Nelson joined the ANC to fight for the rights of native people. Nelson spent 22 years working for civil rights.

When Nelson Mandela qualified as a lawyer in 1951 he and Olive Tambo set up the first ever black law practice in Johannesburg. During a meeting of the ANC it was broken up as there was a lot of violence on the streets. Nelson was one of the 156 people who were arrested and charged with high treason 'a crime that carries the death penalty'. The trial lasted four years. They were found not guilty and were free to go. The government still wanted to arrest Nelson. Eventually he was caught and sentenced to 5 years in prison. Nelson was taken to Robben Island prison. Nelson was brought back to court and further sentenced to life imprisonment.

Nelson was given several opportunities to be set free but he refused all of them. Fortunately he was freed on Sunday, 11th of February 1990. In 1993, Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as he achieved his goal of giving coloured people equal rights. In 1994 Mandela was elected President of South Africa. In 2003 he passed away peacefully in his home with his family.



Ellie Clarke, 5th Class

## Active Week

On the 11th of June it was Active Week. On Monday we did a lap around the school. Then we did our class dance. Our class song is Waka Waka. On Tuesday we got kickboxing lessons from Lauren Bradshaw and held a Hula Hoop competition. Our friend Sarah Sue won. Sophie came second and I came third. On Wednesday it was sports day. We went to the Bogies and ran a wheelbarrow race, a sack race, a hula hoop race, the egg and spoon race, the three-legged race, dancing, rounders, tug-of-war, the obstacle course and the balloon race. It was the best sports day ever!

On Thursday we did a skipathon and our class dance. On Friday we did our dance in the hall in front of the whole school. We hope you enjoyed reading about our active week in school.

Leanna O'Keefe & Orla Kasa, 5th Class

We made up a dance movement to Waka Waka. At the end of the dance teacher asked me to show the girls how to do the slow hand movement.

Fiona Nguyen, 5th Class



We had a very busy year in HSCL. A wide range of courses and classes ranging from seasonal craft, flower arrangements, parent and toddler, First Aid, Parent Plus, Stress and Relaxation, Let's Open the Life Skills Tool Box, Yoga and English conversation classes. Our Local Education Committee organised a cyber bullying talk for parents, an Autism Awareness Week and a Cabra Get Reading Literacy Initiative. HSCL in Cabra and Finglas organised a Wellness Fair which was a great success.



# St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and friends,



Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

As the school year draws to a close, we are delighted to report that we have raised our fifth Green Flag for biodiversity, and received a gold award for our Eco Rangers project on creating a more sustainable environment for all. Our school garden is in full bloom and we have many fruits and vegetables in our raised beds.

The Diversity Committee, led by Ms. Bourke and Ms. Haverty, worked really hard all year to develop our awareness of diversity issues throughout the school, and they produced a lovely stone art display at the entrance to the school garden.

We thank Archbishop Okolo for Confirming our sixth class in a beautiful ceremony, and thanks also to Fr. Michael and Sr. Philomena for their continued work with the sacramental classes. The Choir, accompanied by Ms. Bourke and conducted by Ms. O'Brien enhanced all our liturgical ceremonies during the year with their beautiful singing. Well done girls!



The brilliant work by all classes in Science and Maths has been recognised by Science Foundation Ireland, and we received our plaque for STEM work last week.

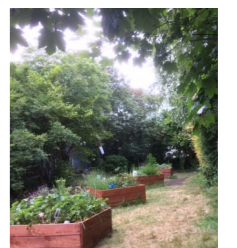


Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale for Uganda, and for buying raffle tickets during the year. We really appreciate your help.

We wish Ms McCrea the best of luck as she leaves us to return to Donegal. We will miss her and hope she will be very happy in her new job. Our sixth class are leaving us for second level, and we wish them every success and happiness in their new schools.



We welcome our new second class from the Infant school and look forward to an exciting year next year!



Thank you all for your support during the year, and wishing you a glorious summer.

School reopens on Thursday 30th August

### Chicks Hatching

We are hatching chicks in Ms. O'Brien's Class. Ms O'Brien brought in 12 chicken eggs and an incubator for the eggs. Every hour the eggs turn in the incubator and it acts like a mother hen. In six days they will hatch and we are so excited to show them to the whole school. Right now the chicks have a wings, legs, feet, feathers, eyes, brain, beak and a heart beat. If all 12 eggs hatch we will get to name them in pairs. If they are lighter with a yellow dot on his head it's a boy and if it's a girl it will be darker.

**Ella May  
Dowling  
4th Class**



### Banana Bread/Muffins

We did our project on India so here is a banana bread/muffin recipe because Bananas are grown in India.

Baking time: 20 Minutes

Temperature: 180°

Ingredients:

200g Self raising flour

150g caster sugar

3 Large Bananas

1 Egg

3 tablespoons of milk

Method:

Pre heat the oven.

Mix butter, mashed bananas and sugar in a bowl.

Beat the egg and add to the mixture.

Sieve the flour into the mixture/Mix well.

Add the milk and mix until the mixture is a dropping consistency.

Place 12 muffin cases into a tray.

Spoon the mixture into the cases.

Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on a wired rack/tray.

Enjoy :)

**Ella Parsons, 5th Class**



### SEAI Energy

On Tuesday the 11th of June we went to a workshop. We saw a man from SEAI Energy. He told us about electricity and how it works. Then we did some experiments which included an explosion. We finished off with a quiz. There was an orange team, blue team, red team and green team. It was great fun.

**Tina Zhang & Lilian Vasiljeva, 2nd Class**

### Splendid School Tour

On Thursday 14th June, my class and Ms. Beadnall's class went to the Trinity Sports Centre.

We did so many activities including trampolining, rock climbing. We played rounders and had a tug of war. During our lunch we were given some jellies.

I absolutely loved our school trip. I would recommend going again. It was great fun and my favourite was the rock climbing and trampolining. It was the best tour ever.



**Scarlett Rose Kelly, 3rd Class**

### Localise Graduation

On the 23rd of May some girls from Ms. Padden's class graduated from Localise, in our school hall.

First, we went to the hall and Minister Pascal Donohoe gave a speech and then we saw a slideshow of the activities from during the year. Afterwards we had photographs taken and received certificates. We had a great time and we are very grateful to the Localise team.

**Abi Keating, 6th Class**

Summer has finally come

Under the sun, here I come

Mummy says no more rain!

Munch my delicious ice-cream

Ever since the rain is gone, happy faces are all on

Rabbits are out again.

**Alex Frunze, 2nd Class**



Reminder ....

For the safety of all, please do not park too close to the school gates when dropping off or collecting children. Please do no park inside or outside St Dominic's gates. Thank you

### Building robots with the ESB

On Wednesday 25th April the ESB came to build robots with us. The people who came were very kind and helpful.

First we talked about what the ESB is and what they do. Then they gave us the instructions, with a demonstration on what to do. We then made the robots.

Our robots were very plain so they gave us things to decorate them. They told us that we had to decorate it well because three people with the best robot will get to keep them. But at the end we all did!

We finally connected the wire with the motor to test how well it could dance.

At the end we said goodbye but then they surprised us all with a gift for everyone, even teacher.

It was so much fun making robots.

**Emma Zhang, 4th Class**



### Confirmation

On the 20th of May Ms Padden's 6th Class made their Confirmation. We were confirmed by Archbishop Okolo.

The Mass was an hour and a half long. Most of the girls got photographs with Archbishop Okolo and with their friends and family.

On the 21st of May all the girls came into school to show off their dresses to all the classes. After we showed our dresses we got our Confirmation photographs taken.

We are thankful to Sister Philomena and Fr. Michael for all their help in preparing us for our Confirmation.

We all enjoyed our day.

**Emma Fitzgerald, 6th Class**



### Riddle

My first is in Holiday but not in Pop  
My second is in Hat but not in Hop  
My third is in Place but not in Shell  
My forth is in Pull but not in Bell  
My Fifth is in Young and also in yes.

What am I?

If you take away my first letter I can be used to write.

If you take away my last letter I can be used to hang things up.

If you take away my first and last letter I am the opposite of out.

**Isabella Campion, 5th Class**



### Santry

On Tuesday 29th May I went to Santry Stadium. I made lots of friends. They shouted "ready, steady, go". I was running as fast as I could and so did my relay team. It was a great day! We went up to the grass and played before getting back on the bus. It was an amazing day. Thanks to all the teachers for organising the day for us.

**Taylor Boyd 5th Class**