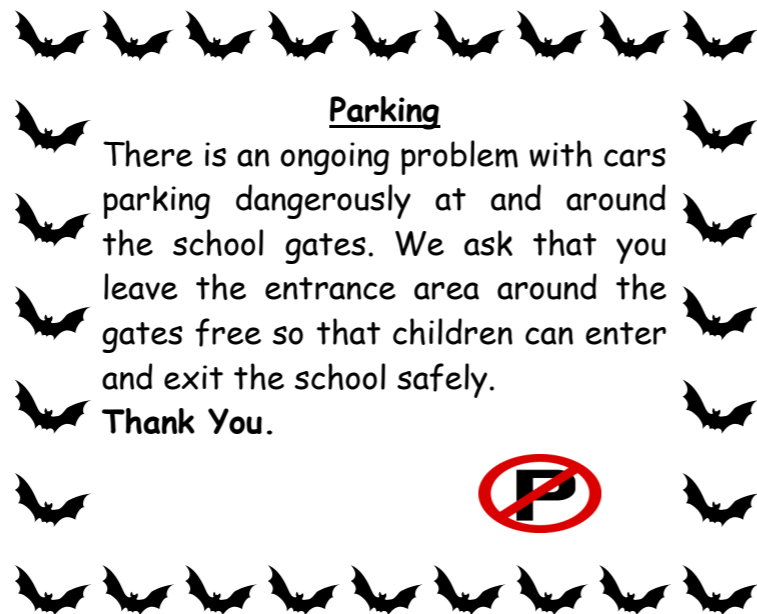


### I Predict....

Stuart is going to go through the little mouse hole and see that there's a nice pretty little stream of water going by. Then he will sit there, and a little boat will float up to him. Then he will notice it and say "Summer memories" and he will try to see what that means, but nothing comes into his head, so he hops on. When he gets on, he picks up the paddles and it starts to go. It then brings him to a big pond in the middle of New York and he wants to go back.

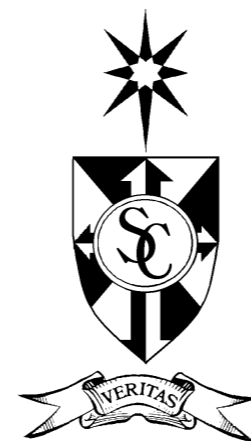
Kayla Winter  
4th Class



### Parking

There is an ongoing problem with cars parking dangerously at and around the school gates. We ask that you leave the entrance area around the gates free so that children can enter and exit the school safely.

Thank You.



# St. Catherine's Senior School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of St. Catherine's,

As we approach the mid-term break, we get a chance to reflect on how busy school life has been so far this year.

We have just celebrated Maths and Science fortnight, during which the girls have completed various activities and quizzes to develop their awareness of maths and science in everyday life. Thanks to Ms. Beadnall, Ms. Shovlin and Ms. Gallagher for all their work.



Congratulations to our sixth classes who entered the Intel Mini Scientist Exhibition. The judges came to the school and were very impressed by the imaginative and diverse projects presented by the girls.

Special congratulations to Caitlin, Elizabet, Marsi and Marcelina whose project "Does chewing gum improve concentration?" was chosen to represent the school at the regional Intel finals in Blanchardstown.

Fr. John has written from Chile to say thanks for the money raised by our bake sale. He has returned to Chile for another three years, and the money raised will help the primary school in his area.

The local community Gardaí visited all the classes to stress the importance of safety during the Hallowe'en break. The Second and Third classes have received high-viz jackets and safety information packs from the RSA.

Thank you for your contributions to our sponsored walk. We hope to purchase some IT equipment with the money raised. Please return any remaining cards and money after the midterm break.

Dates for your diary:

- Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Thursday 15th November.
- School reopens on Monday 5th November.

Happy Hallowe'en everyone!



### Our visit to the Rediscovery Centre

On Thursday 20th of September our class, Ms. Shovlin, Annette and a helper called Anthea went to Ballymun to the Rediscovery Centre. Ms. Shovlin won a trip to the Rediscovery Centre for our class. We were going to learn about recycling and waste.

We left the school at 9:30. When we arrived and we went into a small, lovely room where we had our yummy lunches. I looked at all the things that were made out of recycled materials. There was a bin made out of plastic bottles and a clock made out of wood and colourful bike spokes. Later we played a game, we had to pick what goes into the correct bin. We also played a game where we had to guess how much time it takes items to decompose.

After that, the lady in charge told us that it was time to do art. We all jumped up. I got to pick what I wanted to do. The choices were a picture from cardboard and fabric, a frame out of cardboard or a pencil holder out of a cleaned tin and fabric. Then we had a trip around the shop. I loved the dress made out of old jeans.

When we came out it was lashing rain so we were rushing. We rushed to the bus stop. We got two buses to school. When we got to school, we took off our socks and shoes and ate the rest of our lunches. We then went home. I had a great time.

Wiktoria Cieniawq, 4th Class



### Autumn

*A little birdie told me it's time to fly away, to a hotter country where they can stay and play.*

*Under the tree is where I'll be playing, in the leaves in the warmth autumn breeze.*


*Trick or Treat here I come in my scary costume, it will be fun.*

*Upset my brother, hope he's alright, in my scary costume I gave him a fright.*


*My favourite time of year is autumn because I love seeing the leaves fall from the trees.*

*Now its time to say goodbye to all the animals.* Alex Cooke 5th Class

School  
Early  
Class  
Outside  
Nice  
Drawing  
Clothes  
Lunch  
Art  
Students  
Spellings




Second Class  
Class Mates  
Homework  
Outside on yard is fun  
Older books to read  
Learning is fun



Miss Stapleton's Second Class

**A Trip to Cabra Library**

Books and Books and Books! I went on a trip with my class to the Cabra Library to meet author Alan Nolan. He was very funny. One of the classes from the boys school was there too. We got to draw. I was so happy because he's a Harry Potter fan and we are both in Gryffindor. Then we went back to school. What a great day!



Brooke Cunningham, 4th Class

**Autumn**

Autumn is amazing  
Unique in its own way  
The most beautiful time of the year  
Under the autumn leaves  
Magical colours  
Now I will miss you autumn, see you next year



Sarah Sue Emerson  
6th Class

**Halloween**

'Twas the night of Halloween and all the kids were dressed up, shouting Trick or Treat, while the sun turned towards the moon, light turned to dark. It's time to go home, eat your treats while watching spooky movies.

Emma Zhang


**Our Trip to the Phoenix Park**

On Tuesday 16th of October our class went to the Phoenix park for a workshop with Mairead. When we arrived we did a treasure hunt to find acorns, oak trees, sycamore leaves and mini beasts. We used a pouter. We had a great day.




Holly O'Brien 3rd Class  
4th Class

*St. Catherine's Senior School teaches the Stay Safe Programme to all classes and fully implements the Child Safeguarding guidelines and procedures. The Board reviews the Child Safeguarding Policy annually, and a copy is available to view at the office.*



**Save the Polar Bears**

Dear Sir,  
Our School is extremely worried about the Arctic polar bears as they are slowly but surely dying, which is quite concerning. We are curious on what we are doing as a country to help these beautiful creatures and all the other mammal's in the arctic. As you know, global warming is getting worse and worse by the minute and one of the worst things is not many people think its true. If the hole in the ozone layer gets bigger it could melt the icecaps which will not only kill all animal life but all human life too, and that's something nobody wants. There are so many ways we can stop this and I'm sure you know how.




Yours sincerely  
Megan O'Rourke  
6th Class

**The Mini Intel Science Exhibition**

On Tuesday the 16th of October, the two 6th classes presented their projects to the three judges and to other students, teachers and the principal. This all happened in our school P.E. hall. We did this because we entered 'The Mini Intel Science Exhibition'. Firstly we set up our projects and decorated the tables. Then when the judges arrived they went to the project at the top right corner. The name of their project was 'Tornado in a Bottle' by Ella and Mia, the next project they went to was 'Why Songs get stuck in your head' by Shannon and Leanna. Then they went to a project called 'Autism is not holding me back' by Sarah Sue and Taylor; next they went to 'How volcanoes erupt' by Orla and Amna. They saw the next project which was called 'Fitness is Fantastic' by Sarah and Kacey. Then they went to Roisin's and Millie's project which was called 'What would happen if the sun magically disappears?' They went to Lucy, Sophie, Caragh and Allie's project called 'What would happen if there were no bees?'. The final one was 'How clocks remember the time?' by Abby, Jirapon and Fiona. The other four projects were from Ms Kealy's class. It was great fun. We had a fantastic day. In first place was a project by Ms. Kealy's class. In second place was 'Autism is not Holding me back'. In third place was 'How volcanoes erupt'.

Orla Kasa and Amna Raya  
6th Class



**Please remember our Healthy Eating Policy**  
No Sweets/Chocolate/bars for lunch,  
no peanuts or associated products because of allergies. Thank You.