

### Christmas

Christmas is the greatest time of the year.  
How I love spreading Joy and Cheer.  
Rudolph the reindeer dashing through the snow.  
In the winter that is freezing cold.  
Shine your nose that is so bright.  
To our houses in the dark night.  
My brother and sister in bed so tight.  
And I'm staring out the window.  
Santa's here and it's nearly new year.  
Emma Zhang, 5th Class

### GOAL Workshop

This week Ms Haverty's class attended a Goal Workshop. It was about Global Hunger. It was very interesting and made us think a lot. They are droughts and famine in Ethiopia. So people in Ethiopia suffer a lot because of Global Hunger and some children are dying. We can help them by saving water and not wasting our food. Let's try and help them by doing our best.  
Mwila Mulongoti, 5th Classes

### My visit to Comhairle na nÓg

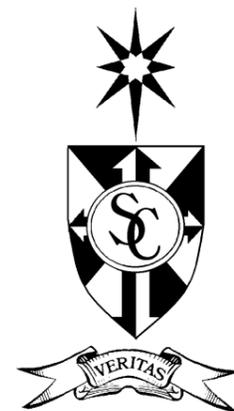
On the 29th of November, Zara and I went to Comhairle na nÓg with Ms Gallagher. I prepared some notes on a few topics. Ms Gallagher, Zara and I got the Luas to Croke Park. We signed in and got our name badges, next we had to find what table we were sitting at. There were different tables which were all numbered from 1 to 20. I was sitting at table 10. Some members from the student council gave some speeches about what Comhairle na nóg was. They said it was like a platform for young people to talk about different topics they thought were important. Then we played some games to get to know each other better. Later we started to discuss some of the topics that were chosen like education, online safety, recycling and bullying. When we were finished talking, we had lunch. Later we had elections for the new Student Council so the people who wanted to become members of the student council gave speeches. Comhairle na nóg will focus on education this year. I would definitely go to Comhairle na nÓg next year and if you are ever asked to go, it is an amazing experience.

Jessica Sibeko, 6th Class



### Localise

Hello, our names are Elizabeth and Shannon. We are part of the Localise group in Cabra.  
We wanted to do Localise because when Debbie and Derrick came into our school to talk about Localise we were all really interested to join and help others.  
We all enjoy being part of the Localise group because we can help the rough sleepers and it is such a nice atmosphere to be in.  
At present we are making Christmas Cards and care packages for the rough sleepers. We are sending them off on the 10th of December.  
2 guests from Dublin Simon came to our group in Cabra to talk about how they help the rough sleepers. They told us that on Christmas Eve they will gather all the rough sleepers for a Christmas dinner and presents. We thought that was very generous and kind of them.  
We wish the rough sleepers a safe and happy Christmas.  
Elizabeth Gorijenko and Shannon Crawford, 6th Class



# St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

Phone: 8387194 www.stcatherinessenior.com Principal Ms. O'Reilly. December 2018

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, which brings you all the latest news from St. Catherine's.



In this newsletter you can read about our trip to the Mansion House to collect a prize for our garden project in the City Neighbourhood Awards. The judges were very impressed with the girls' rendition of a song they wrote themselves.

A group from Sixth class had a great day when they presented their project in the Intel Mini Scientist competition in Blanchardstown.

Congratulations to Abbie O'Shea for her winning entry in the fire safety art competition.



Our Christmas Concert, showcasing the many talents of all the girls, was a wonderful occasion.

Thanks to all the teachers who prepared the girls so well.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Vincent de Paul food appeal, bought raffle tickets, and supported our fundraising for new IT equipment.

Tennis classes for second and third classes will begin in January.

School re-opens on Monday 7th.

*Wishing you all a happy, peaceful Christmas.*



### The Mansion House

On Dec 7th, Leah, Angel, Ciara, Kayla, Scarlet and I went to the Mansion House for the final of the Dublin Neighbourhood Awards. We walked to Broombridge and took the Luas to town. The Mansion House is really a mansion! It is huge. It has lovely flowers and a fountain and a crib outside.

When we went in, there were refreshments and every school had their own table.

We performed our song and dance. We were so proud of each other.

The Lord Mayor presented us with our Runners-Up prize and a certificate.

Then we had a photograph taken and went to McDonalds as a treat.

After that lovely day, we got the Luas back to school.

Thanks to Ms O'Reilly and MS Shovlin for taking us.

Leah O'Neill, 4th Class



### The Engineers Visit

The engineers came to our class room. They told our class some stories about themselves and we showed them our projects. After that we made paper planes. We had a competition to see what plane flies the furthest. They had a 3D printer, they made a lamp with the machine, it was really cool.  
Michelle Olszok, 3rd Class



- Candy canes for everyone!
- Holy Night
- Reindeers overhead!
- Icicles hanging nearby
- Santa's on his way
- Tinsel on the tree
- Magic of Christmas
- Angel on the top of the tree
- Super Christmas for everyone.
- Lily Hogan, 3rd Class



### GAA

This year Ms Haverty's 5th class did GAA with Liam every Wednesday. We did lots of fun games and a lot of drills. We had to kick the ball to each other and then throw it through the hoop and give it back to the other person. One week we did camogie and it was great. The whole class really enjoys GAA.



Nicole Crowe, 5th Class

### SNOWGLOBE

Snow is falling and friends are calling  
Now it's the time when everyone is here  
Owl's are blinking and Santa is winking  
Where is Santa in his sleigh? say Yay  
Glowing Lights with a flash.  
Let it snow and flow, with robins in the air  
Oh here's Santa saying Ho Ho Ho  
Before the night, turn off the light  
Each present is here with a bow on the top.  
Tina Zhang, 3rd Class



### Cabra Community College

Recently, fifth class went to visit Cabra Community College. We were separated into two groups. We had a lot of fun activities to do.

First we made delicious cupcakes. Some people added chocolate icing, some people added sprinkles.

We learned about coding. We learned how to make our own character who could move and speak.

In the end, we did a few science experiments. When we were about to go, everyone got treats.

We had a lot of fun in Cabra Community College.

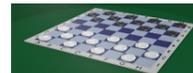
Tosia Brychcy, 5th Class



### Our Draughts League

Ms Haverty's 5th class have been learning how to play draughts, We had lots of practice games and at the start of December. Ms Haverty paired us all up and we started our very first Draughts League. Everyone was in the first round and after everyone had played or received a walkover (when someone is not in or away) we went onto the second round and the winners of that go onto the third round and so on. I really enjoy playing Draughts and I hope we do an Easter and Summer League.

Maeve O'Leary, 5th Class



### The Story of Lourdes

Our Lady Mary appeared to Bernadette 160 years ago in 1858. This happened in France in Lourdes. Our Lady asked Bernadette to dig with her hands and find water. Bernadette asked Our Lady who she was, she replied 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. Some people go to Lourdes to pray and they are called Pilgrims. Over two million people go to Lourdes each year. Our Lady wore a white and blue sash with roses around her feet. Our Lady's name is Mary.

### I am...

- Cookie Crunching
- Sleigh Flying
- Letter Reading
- Present Giving
- Warm Dressing
- Chimney Squishing
- Belly Laughing
- Stocking Filling
- Rooftop Landing
- Children Helping
- Milk Drinking
- Snow Stomping
- I am Santa Claus



Juliette Loudres, 2nd Class



### Intel Mini Scientist, Monday 10th December 2018

I went to the Intel Mini Scientist to present my project to the judges. There were three girls from Ms. Kealey's class. The girls from Ms Kealey's class were Elizabet, Marcelina and Marsi. I had a great time. There were 90 different projects at the competition and only 16 went to the regionals. We did not win but it was the taking part that counts.

Caitlin Glynn, 6th Class



### A Lost Reindeer

Once upon a time there was a reindeer who was delivering the last Christmas present with Santa. Suddenly, the reindeer flew away but no one knew why. The reindeer flew so fast that a portal opened to a different world. There were beautiful flowers, trees and lots of different animals. There also were unicorns and alicorns. The reindeer flew to a mountain and saw a candy cane portal when she went inside. She later came back to Santa. She told what had happened and Santa gave her an Bravery Adventure badge.

Annabel Piasecka, 4th Class



### Áras an Uachtaráin Visit

On the 8th of December 2018 I went to Áras an Uachtaráin for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. When we first got there we got into a car that brought us up to the house. Then we got a photo with a horse and a sleigh. After that we went up and met the President and his wife. Shortly afterwards we went in to meet Santa and got presents. Next we went into this little function room where people were singing, dancing and there was a magic show. We got food and watched a lot of entertainment. After that the President spoke and then we went home. I really enjoyed it.

Mia Creighton, 6th Class



### Goal Workshop

On Tuesday 4th December 2018 the 4th, 5th and 6th classes went to the library at different times, My class went first. A lady from the charity GOAL was doing a workshop on Ethiopia. Her name was Mura. My class sat down on mats and she told us about her work. We first asked her questions. Then we did some acting. We were split into groups of three and four. We all did acting but we were not allowed to talk, we had to mime it. It was a great experience.

Abby Lennon, 6th Class

Millie 10/12/18

### Ethiopia Fact File

Ethiopia is a country in the continent of Africa. The two countries surrounded Ethiopia are Sudan, south Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Eritrea. The population of Ethiopia is around 87,926,000. The capital city is Addis Ababa.

There are over 286 languages spoken but the most popular is Amharic. The natural disasters that happen are draughts and earthquakes. Man made disasters are bombs and wars, hunger and global warming.

Homes: They had to make their houses out of rock, straw, clay, mud and other stuff that were free. They had no water. Some children had to walk 3-hours to a well.

They did not have a lot of time for school.

Millie O'Flaherty 4th Class