

### Fire Safety Art Competition

I went to the Mansion House because I won the Fire Safety Art Competition. When I got there we found seats. They brought out tea, coffee, chocolate and biscuits. RTE (news2day) came in asked children if they wanted to be on the programme. When they asked me, I said 'Yes'. So I was on TV that day. They had my fire safety picture up on the notice board behind me.

Around 11.30am the Chief fireman and the Lord Mayor gave their speeches and they gave out certificates and a goodie bag. They also took some photographs.

I had a really fun day and my picture was in the Fire Safety Calendar.

Abbie O'Shea, 5th Class



### Culture Week

Culture Week started on the 11th of February and ended on the 15th of February. Every class had to practice a dance and a song. Our class decided to do "Mar tháinig tu". It is "Glad you came" in Irish. All classes were very good at the concert. During the week our class made Albanian Cookies because Orla in our class is Albanian. They were really nice and fresh. We made them with flour, Greek yogurt, eggs, Vanilla essence, baking powder, sugar and butter. Some children wore traditional dresses to our concert and sang traditional songs from their home countries.

Allie Whelan, 6th Class



### German Lessons

On the 25th of March Ms Haverty's and Ms Kealey's Classes went to St. Dominic's Secondary School for German Lessons. We learned how to count from one to twelve in German. Some of us played Bingo in German while others were practising some common phrases. The lessons were great fun and about 45 minutes long and we all can't wait to go back!

Alexia Popa, 5th Class



### Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: Parents/Guardians

The Board of Management of St. Catherine's Senior School, Cabra wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 12 March 2019.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

Fr. M. O'Grady  
Chairperson, Board of Management  
Ms. C O'Reilly  
Principal

### 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 2019

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Greetings for Easter from St. Catherine's.



Our latest newsletter will bring you up to date on all the events of the term.

Congratulations to Ms. Heeney's class on their successful participation in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and to Ms. Shovlin's class who produced some very interesting work during Engineers week. The Laudate Choir, led by Ms. Bourke, represented the school at the Diocesan Music Festival in January, where everyone enjoyed a lovely evening of singing and reflection. Well done to all!

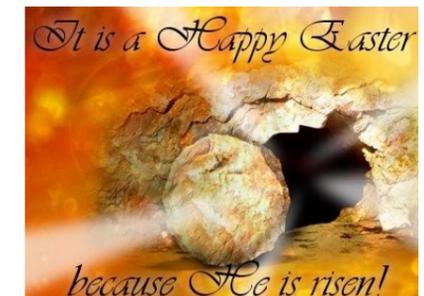
Our bicentenary celebrations remembering the arrival of the Dominican Sisters to Cabra in 1819 have begun. If you have a memory or photograph of your time in St. Catherine's, that you would like to share, please contact the school secretary.

We say farewell and thanks to our caretaker Mrs. Henry, who has given so many years of dedicated service to our school. We wish her good health and happiness as she begins her well-earned retirement. She will be missed by us all.

Policy updates and School Self Evaluation plans are available to view on our School Website.

### Dates for your diary:

End of year testing: 13th—24th May  
First Holy Communion: Sunday 12th May  
Confirmation: Sunday 9th June



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

School reopens on Monday 29th April.

### Our Interview with the Dominican Sisters

It is the 200 year anniversary of the Dominican Sisters coming to Cabra. Ms Haverty's 5th Class wanted to know more about the Dominican Sisters and how the school began all those years ago. We organised an interview with Sr. Lydia who is a Dominican Sister. We had lots of questions and we got very interesting answers to them. Sr. Lydia was the first audiologist in Ireland and she worked with around 100,000 people over the years.

There were some things she said that touched us all for example, she said 'the first time putting a hearing aid on a deaf baby you could see their eyes glow'. When Sr. Lydia went back and told her friends how good we were Sr. Cora wanted to have an interview with us too! We found out lots of interesting information from the Sisters visits to us.

**Emma Zhang, 5th Class**

### Fighting Words

During the year Ms Haverty's class has done a lot of fun things, but one of my favourites is when we went to a Fighting Words Workshop. We got the train to Drumcondra and walked to Croke Park.

When we arrived we made a story called 'Potato Peeler'. We had to get into groups of three to give the story our own ending or to make up a whole new story.

When we all had finished our stories we went to get them edited and printed. The tutor read a few and thought they were really good.

At the end of the book there was space for us to add on to the story. We had lots of fun.

**Ms Haverty's, 5th Class**



**Simona Kobzosova, 4th Class**

On Friday the 29th of March, Ms Padden & Ms Shovlin's Classes had a tea party for parents hosted by Ms Gallagher. There were cakes, sweets and lots of nice treats. It was yummy. All the Mam's were delighted with it. All the girls were busy making presents for the Mams. We decorated a frame and a Mother's day card. Thank you Ms Gallagher, Ms Shovlin and Ms Padden for all the help.

**Holly Sugg, 3rd Class**



### Planting in Ms Haverty's Class

Recently we planted tomatoes in Ms Haverty's class with Ms Crumlish.

First we put some soil inside the pots (about half way). After that we put the seeds in and put the soil on top. We waited about a week until they actually started growing.

Today they are really tall. We are planning to put them in our garden. We really hope they will be ready by Summer and that everyone in the class can try a delicious tomato.

**Wiktorina Rosinska, 5th Class**



Everyone in St. Catherine's Senior School wishes Mrs Henry our caretaker all the best in her retirement.



### ESB Science Blast

We chose fitness packs for this years ESB Science Blast experiment. We went to the RDS to present our project. We had to set up our stall and make sure someone was at it at all times in case the judges came. We got to check out all the other school projects and see how good they were.

Our experiment involved 8 girls who took fitness packs and the rest of the class didn't and we did a bleep test to see if the fitness packs improved their fitness, which they did. We had a great day and didn't want it to end. It was such a great experience and meeting new people from different schools.

**Kacey Cooney, 6th Class**



### The Junior Entrepreneur Programme

During the months of November to March our class took part in J.E.P which stands for The Junior Entrepreneur Programme. We were in separate groups. The names of the groups were Hair Packs, Glamourlicious, Beauty Bags, Fitness Packs, Book Marks and Lovely Letters.

We had a Dragon's Den on the 14th February and we presented our project ideas to the Dragons. The 3 Dragons we had were : Stephen Whelan, Ms Gallagher and Sarah. The Dragons said that the ideas were all very creative and great but they had to decide on one. They chose Beauty Bags. They also said to make handmade bath bombs instead of buying them. So that's what we did and then we got started on the Beauty Bags.

First the whole class designed the bags, then teacher asked us what teams we wanted to be in. There was the finance team, the storytelling team, the designing, the marketing and the sales team.

We had two girls email Penny's to ask if we were allowed to use their products in our bags. The first time they were not helpful. Then our teacher called a different Penny's which was in Drogheda. The girl that answered was Helen. We ordered a lot of items. It took us a while but we managed to make just enough bags.

We had our showcase day on March 20th 2019. It went really smoothly and we had a fantastic day. We hope to attend the RDS Showcase Day on 20th May if our J.E.P folder is good enough. Fingers Crossed!

**Ella & Millie, 6th Class**

### Science Energy Workshop

On the 14th of February Ms Heeney's 6th class girls went to a Science Energy Workshop. A lady taught all of us about Fossil Fuels and Green-house gases. The lady showed us many different Science experiments like Newton's Cradle, a basketball experiment and a really cool Vitamin C tablets test in a tube. The lady had a tray with a tube and Vitamin C tablets and water. She put the tablet into the tube then put some water into the tube. She closed the top very quickly. About twenty seconds later the top popped off the tube and shot up to the ceiling. All the girls screamed. The lady then dropped a basketball, she started at waist height all the way to head height and did the same with a tennis ball. All the girls had lots of fun.

**Lucy Loftus, 6th Class**

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

From the 11th -15th of March we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and we had a concert. We sang Songs in Gaeilge and the national anthem. I sat beside my best friends. It was the best day ever. I loved all the songs and dances. It was great fun.

**Jirapon Kavanagh, 6th class**



### How to plant rocket seeds

- 1 Rocket is a type of salad leaf. It is really tasty and easy to grow.
- materials
  - 1 soil
  - 2 rocket seeds
  - 3 water
  - 4 sun
- method:
  1. Get a pot. Carefully put the soil in the pot.
  2. After that dig a hole in the soil.
  3. Slowly put seeds in the little holes.
  4. Water the seeds daily.
  5. After a few weeks it will grow and it will be ready.

**Reva Joshi, 2nd Class**



**Ms Shovlin's 3rd & 4th class were learning about Egypt and made these beautiful masks.**