



# St. Catherine's Senior School Newsletter

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## The Tessa Run

On Monday 17th of June all of us participated in a run around the school for Baby Tessa. The first corridor ran twice around the school and then waited for the next corridor to finish their two laps.

When everyone was finished running, we all stood in the shape of a heart to get a photo taken.

The run was tough but we didn't mind because we were helping Tessa and her family.

St. Catherine's Senior School raised over €12,900 for Tessa and we thank everyone who supported us.

Maeve O'Leary, 5th class

## The School Year

This year we had a lot of fun weeks like Maths week, Art and Music week and lots more but my favourite week was Irish Week and that is what this passage is about so let's get started.

When it is Irish week or *Seachtain na Gaeilge*, I really enjoy how we try our best at speaking Irish. Every morning, I would come in and say *Dia Duit* to everyone I met but it was so hard to remember what to say and when to say it. Another thing I like is that we had to learn a song in Irish. My class chose *Shotgun* and we learned the actions too. It was difficult to learn but we got the hang of it after a few practice runs. We performed it for everyone in the school.

Niamh Munnely, 4th Class

## Irish Aid

This term Ms Haverty's class were learning about the work of Irish Aid in developing countries. We made up a dance and a rap to teach others about what we had learned for the Irish Aid project. Kaila, Mwila, Eva and Maeve from 5th class went to the Department of Education for the regional final. We went in a taxi. When we arrived we played in the grass for 10 minutes. When we went inside, we saw all the projects on the wall and to the right we saw a stage and to the left there was a table full of food. We walked around looking at all the projects for a while. One of the people who works for Irish Aid went on stage and taught us a dance called Hujambo. After the dancing we got our award and they called out the 3 schools that were going onto the next round. Unfortunately we didn't get through but we still had a great time.

Kaila and Mwila, 5th Class



## What its like to be a student in St. Catherine's Senior School

Being a student in St. Catherine's Senior School is great. Not just because of the amazing teachers, the wonderful principal and everyone who helps out. Its also because of the clean and healthy atmosphere, the sensational people in it, the healthy food and a big yard. I love all the fun ways to learn and all the different activities like GAA, swimming, run a mile and just dance.

You know what, I really like this school.

Yasmin Donovan, 4th Class

## Shared Reading

5th class invited the Junior and Senior Infants and also 1st class to come upstairs and read a few books with us.

One half of the class went to the Library and the other stayed in our classroom.

When the small children and their teachers came up, they got paired up with one of us. Also some girls had two children to read to.

After the first two classes were finished and went back to their classes another two classes came up. I loved reading to the younger children and asking them about the stories we read.

Valerie Smutna, 5th class



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the Summer holidays approach, I would like to thank you all for your support during the past year. The girls have had a busy term but the highlight was the raising of our Yellow flag last Friday.

The Yellow flag programme supports and promotes diversity and intercultural initiatives in schools, and we are delighted to be one of only a few primary schools to obtain the flag. Thanks to Ms. Haverty, Ms. Bourke and the Diversity Committee for all their work and enthusiasm, raising awareness of the many cultures and ethnicities we are lucky to have in our school.

I am happy to report that we raised an amazing €13,000 for the Little Miss Tessa fund! This is an incredible amount, and I know Ms. Waters and her family appreciate our support at this difficult time for them. Thank you to everyone who sponsored our walk or donated to our Bake sale.



We thank Fr. Michael for his work with the sacramental classes this year, and we were delighted to welcome Archbishop Diarmuid to Cabra for the girls' Confirmation ceremony. Thanks also to our wonderful choir, with Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Bourke, who sang beautifully at both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. We also thank Sr. Philomena, who links the work of the school to the parish.

We hope you have a brilliant summer holidays, and wish the very best of luck to our sixth classes as they transition to second level schools. We welcome our new second class girls and look forward to working with them and their parents in the coming year.

School reopens on Monday 2nd September.

Happy holidays!



### Confirmation

On the 9th of June 2019, the two 6th classes from St. Catherine's, the 6th from St Finbarr's and the 6th from Casa Catherina made their Confirmation. It was a bright sunny morning and all the boys and girls looked amazing. The Choir sang beautifully. The Archbishop was really nice and interesting. All the dresses and suits were gorgeous. It was a very special day and I'm glad the 5th classes get to experience Confirmation next year. I wish I could celebrate that day all over again.



Allie Whelan, 6th Class

### MEMORIES

My friends are so nice  
 Every day was a surprise  
 My teachers are amazing  
 Overall I had a great time  
 Really delicious treats  
 I enjoyed all the school tours  
 Everyone was so helpful  
 Super Fun Sports day

Millie Fox, 6th Class

### Sports Day

On Thursday 20th June, our school had Sports Day. First we had to get all the water from one bowl to the other. My team came 2nd. We then had an egg and spoon race. The egg was a balloon filled with water. It was great fun. We were throwing the balloons as far as we could. Then we had a dance party. We also played football, had a 3 legged race and played rounders. I really enjoyed Sports Day.

Laura Talar, 3rd Class

### Emil and the Detectives

On Thursday, 13th of June we visited The Ark in Temple Bar to enjoy *Emil and the Detectives*.

Props: Stop button, telephone, taxi, train, café, Bank, Stars.  
 Characters: Emil, Mum, Robber, Police, Friends.



Plot: Emil is a young girl who lives with her mum, Her mum is a hairdresser and she sends her to stay with her Granny. When she got on the train someone took her seat. Emil fell asleep and someone stole her money. She tracked the robber with the Detectives' help and got her money back, and got a reward of 5000 euro.

Nicole Melligan, 3rd Class

### Our Confirmation Day

At the Confirmation Mass, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin called each candidate's name. We went up to the Archbishop and he blessed us with Chrism oil. He then asked us why we chose our Confirmation name. It was a very special moment. After the Mass, everyone had photos taken together. We really enjoyed the day, it was really fun.



Ava Fox, 6th Class

### MEMORIES

My Communion in 2nd class  
 Each of us love Sports day  
 Making brownies in 6th class  
 Or even School trips  
 Relays in Santry  
 In school knitting hairbands  
 Everyone was so helpful  
 Swimming in 4th Class

Sophie Hanna, 6th Class

### The Yellow Flag

On Friday the 21st June we raised the Yellow Flag. Everybody wore something Yellow to celebrate the Yellow Flag. We all made hands in art that told a story about who you are. The Yellow Flag is about Diversity and different countries and who you are and celebrating being different. Then we went outside and Mrs Henry raised the Flag. We had popcorn, Ice pops and played music and we were dancing.

Taylor Dunne, 5th Class



### Active School Week

From the 17th to the 21st of June, St. Catherine's School had an Active School week. On Monday each class did a Hula Hoop competition and some classes did a skipping competition. On Tuesday the whole school ran laps around the school followed by a photo for Little Miss Tessa. On Wednesday the whole school had a dance and then the winners from each class of the Hula Hoop competition went against each other to see who can Hula Hoop the longest. On Thursday St Catherine's had their Sports Day. We played lots of games. On Friday, the 6th class held a Bake Sale before yard time for Little Miss Tessa. After lunch the Diversity Flag was raised. It was a busy week.

Katie Breslin, 3rd Class



### Nature Walk

We went on a Nature Walk in the Phoenix Park. The tour guides name was Mairead from Heritage Ireland. She brought us walking through the lovely trees and told us what type of trees they were and what type of leaves they were. When we finally got to a patch of grass we sat down and took a drink and talked about what we had seen on the way. We all saw different things like bugs, butterflies, acorns and birds.

So for the way back she gave us a jar, a magnifying glass and a net for catching insects. She wanted to see what we could catch and have a chat about different insects.

It was a really fun trip.

Sophie Rooney, 5th 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

### Hugh Lane Gallery

During this term Miss Haverty's class did many fun things and one of them was when we went to the Hugh Lane Gallery in town. When we first went in we looked at many pieces of art and sculptures. They were all really nice. Then we went into a room where there was a big fish sculpture of the Salmon of Knowledge. There was also some other fish sculptures. Later on, we got to make our own fish sculpture. We rolled newspaper into a ball, and then we put lots of little bits of plaster of paris onto it. We had great fun and it was an excellent day.

Eva Mulligan, 5th Class