



# St. Catherine's Senior School

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to send you our Hallowe'en newsletter. Read on to discover what the girls have been doing since our return to school.

We have included some art work from various classes, as we cannot have visitors to the school due to the present restrictions, and we want to share the girls' amazing work with you.

Thank you for your co-operation with the HSE guidelines. Please continue to wear face coverings and adhere to the 2 metre distancing when dropping off or collecting children from school.

Safety is important at all times, but especially now that the darker Winter months have arrived, please be extra careful when parking near the school. We must do everything we can to keep our children safe.

Children do not need to bring schoolbags to school, and healthy lunches are available each day. This reduces the risk of infection and is part of our plan to keep our school safe and open.

Our Sixth classes painted beautiful scenes from around Dublin, which were then framed and presented to the local Nursing Home on the Navan Road. We are delighted to be involved with this Localise Programme, which links schools and the local community. We hope to extend this project next term and are very proud of the work the girls have produced.

Wishing you all a safe Midterm break.

School reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### The Witch

There's a witch and her name is Hilda. She has brown eyes and she has long hair, now I mean long long hair. It is as black as can be. Her hat is blue and purple and her dress is purple and she has black shoes. She has a black cat and she likes flying in the midnight sky. She loves eating pizza with children on top. Her cats name is fingers and the cat's fur is as black as can be., Fingers favourite food is fish but instead of milk he drinks blood. For desert he likes eyeballs.

Rosie Russell, 2nd Class



### The Witch

Once there was a witch named Izzy. She had crazy brown hair and blue eyes. She loved to fly and make potions. The witch was very good at casting spells. Her favourite food was eyeball salad and children. She has a cat named Lily.

Isabel Fortune, 2nd Class



### Zoom with Natasha Mac a Bhaird

On Thursday, the 15th October we had a zoom call with an author called Natasha Mac a Bhaird who wrote a book on Sonia O'Sullivan. The zoom call was set up by Cabra Library. When we joined the call we were greeted by Grace who works in Cabra Library. First Natasha introduced herself and told us she was the author of the Sonia O'Sullivan book. She told us when she was a kid she loved reading and watching Sonia O'Sullivan in her races and that's what inspired her book.

After we got to ask questions. We really enjoyed it. I hope we get to do it again. Thank you Ms Gallagher for setting it up.

Sarah Wray & Barbara Kukula, 6th Class



Haunted Houses by Beatrice Stanciu & Reva Joshi, 4th Class



**MS KEALEY'S 5th CLASS**  
**POINTILLISM ART**  
**AUTUMN TREES**

**'Sick' - Poems inspired by Shel Silverstein**

"I cannot go to school today!"  
Cried Little Maggie Ann Mc Shay.  
My tonsils are as big as stones.  
I have counted sixteen broken bones.  
There's one more, that's seventeen.  
And don't you be thinking I'm kind of mean  
My brain has fallen through my mouth.  
I think my hair is falling out.  
I'm hardly heard when I speak.  
My lips are turning to a beak.  
I have fractured both my legs.  
I've met a bird and laid ten eggs.  
Both my eyes are blue, it is all because of you.  
I've coughed, sneezed, gasped and choked.  
Sadly my heart is..... What, what's that you say?  
You say today isn't a school day?  
See'ya. I'll go play with Mia



**Helena Jackiewicz, 6th Class**

**Planting**

Last Friday the whole class planted acorns and chestnuts to see if they would grow into trees.  
First, we went in groups to put the soil in our pots.  
Next, we stuck our fingers in the soil to make a hole.  
Then I put my acorn into the hole and covered the acorn with soil.  
After I watered my plant and gave it to Ms Stapleton.  
Finally we put them on the windowsill to get some fresh air and sunlight.  
It was so much fun, I really hope my acorn grows.

**Alana Ahrends, 3rd Class**

**How to make your own paper Jack-o-Lantern**

**Method**

**You will need:**

- Orange paper
- 1 Pipe cleaner
- 3 leaf templates
- Scissors
- Hole-puncher

1. Cut your orange paper into 6 strips and cut out your leaves.
2. Punch a hole in the end of each leaf. Punch three holes on each orange strip of paper – one at the top, one at the bottom and one in the middle.
3. Take one strip of orange paper and place the pipe cleaner through the middle hole. Bend the pipe cleaner at the end.
4. Do the same with all the other strips of paper
5. Lay the pieces of paper flat on the table with the pipe cleaner sticking up.
6. Put the pipe cleaner through the other two holes on each strip of paper to create a sphere shape.
7. Put the leaves on top and twist the pipe cleaner to secure it.

*By Ms. Cukur's 6th Class*



**How to play Draughts - Ms Haverly's class are learning to play draughts for Math's Week**

**Instructions:**

1. Set up the board putting the counters on the black squares
2. Let the player with the dark counters go first
3. Players move their pawns diagonally on the black squares towards the opposite side
4. When you get to the other side you become a king
5. When you are the king you are able to go backwards and forwards
6. The winner is the player who jumps all their opponents pieces

**What you need:**

- Draughts Board
- 12 Dark Coloured counters
- 12 Light Coloured Counters
- Two Players
- Timer (optional)




**'Colourful Lion' art from Ms. Shovlin's class. Each girl did a small piece and together we created a masterpiece!**

*In the interest of safety, please do not park close to the school gates or do U-turns outside the school. It is not safe to park up on the footpath where children are walking.*



**Sophie McDonnell,**  
**4th Class**

**Covid Safety Video**

In the middle of September our class got our hands on the iPads. Each pod from our class of nineteen decided to make a Covid Safety Video. Each pod are currently in the middle of making some videos. We cant wait to finish our videos and show them to people. We hope to share them online. Stay Safe & wash your hands. **Shauna Finnegan, 6th**

**ELLA LANE, 3rd CLASS**

**Kandinsky Leaves**

