

Marathon Kids

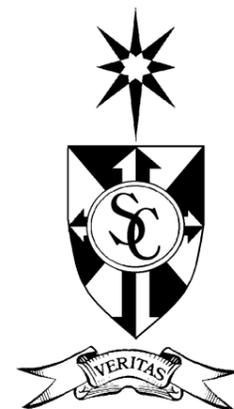
This year 5th and 6th classes in St. Catherine's School were running Marathon Kids around the Bogies 4 times a week for 8 weeks.

First we trained by running around the school twice. When we improved we moved onto running around the Bogies. Then we started to separate into groups. Some people used their Fitbit to track the timing to see if it would decrease each day.

After a few weeks it was our last mile. On the last day we went to the Bogies and Ms O'Reilly was watching us. We wore our Marathon tops.

When we finished the run around Ms O'Reilly presented us with Medals and some chocolates. Due to Covid the other classes couldn't come to see us. We couldn't go to Santry Stadium either. I really enjoyed the marathon. I never thought I'd run a marathon. I even got fitter and healthier.

Amy Dixon. 5th Class



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Zoom Call with German Ambassador

Both 5th classes were chosen to meet the German Ambassador in St Catherine's Senior School over a Zoom call on the 8th of December 2020.

First Ms O'Reilly said to her that we had a surprise for her and we said a German poem for Ambassador Deike Potzel. She was very impressed with our pronunciation of a language we have only started to learn.

Then we interviewed the Ambassador and asked her all about Christmas in Germany. Ms. Kealy's class asked her about schools in Germany.

We also learned how to say "Happy Christmas" in German. It is " Frohe Weihnachten". She told us how she is very upset that she can't see her family due to Covid-19.

The Ambassador told us that learning a new language is like entering a new reality. She also told us all about Advent and culture in Germany.

It was a great experience meeting the German Ambassador. **Deira & Leyla, 5th Class**

Happy Christmas from St. Catherine's!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of a term that has been very different, we thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe and open for the children since September.

The girls have had an exciting term, becoming familiar with meetings via Zoom and sending homework to their teachers on Seesaw. Technology will continue to be a feature of everyday school life as the guidelines from the HSE remain in place.

Although we could not stage our usual Christmas Concert this year, you will receive a link to a virtual Christmas performance! Both teachers and students have worked hard to showcase their singing and artistic talents in their videos. We hope you enjoy them.

The newsletter will bring you up to date with our activities this term.

We have received a Blue Star award for our work on the European Union. We also received a flag for taking part in the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids programme.

Sixth classes were involved with Localise, the service volunteer project, and created some beautiful art for display in the Nephin Road Nursing Home. They also created 180 care packages for the Nursing staff in the Mater Hospital. Last week, we received a trophy from the Mater, in recognition of our projects with them for the past two years.

On behalf of everyone in St. Catherine's, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas. School will reopen on **Wednesday 6th January**, and the procedures that are in place at the moment will continue.



Christmas Celebrations

This month we have been very busy celebrating Christmas. We made Christmas cards for the nursing home on the Navan Road.

There was no Christmas concert this year so Megan and Tina made up a dance to our song that we learned called 'Holly Jolly Christmas' so that we can have a virtual performance.

We made Christmas wreaths using coloured paper and cards.

We made a display saying "Happy Christmas" in different languages spoken by children in the school.

We made a video of us saying "Happy Christmas" in all the languages we learned.

We learned how to say an Advent poem in German and we learned how to say "Happy Christmas" in German.

We enjoyed celebrating Christmas in School. **Group from Ms Haverty's 5th Class**

Zoom Call with German Ambassador

On Tuesday 8th December, Ms. Haverty's Class and our class were on a Zoom call with the German Ambassador, Mrs. Deike Potzel. We listened to her telling us what she does as the German Ambassador. After that both of our classes read an Advent poem in German to the ambassador. She was really shocked that we said every word perfectly. She then told us about the traditions for people in Germany during Advent and Christmas. It was very interesting.

Both classes got to ask questions. We asked 15 in total. She answered all our questions really clearly. We thanked her for taking her time to do this Zoom, call. We said our goodbyes. **Ms Kealey's 5th Class**

Snow as cold as ice
 Now he is getting cold
 Open the door get a hat and scarf
 Wrap him up all cozy and warm
 Maybe give him a mince pie
 And time to go in now
 Now I'm the snowman all cozy and warm.

Abi Birkby, 3rd Class

Our Christmas Limerick Poem

Christmas time is full of fun and joy
 Children get their favourite toy
 Everyone is jolly
 Houses filled with holly
 Ready to welcome the baby boy.



By Ms. Cukur's 6th Class Room 18



Juliette Lourdes, 4th Class—A piece of Art made with Epson Salts to create snow effect

Christmas tree decorations up everywhere

Holly wreaths are on the doors

Reindeer flying up so high

It's really cold and frosty

Santa is eating all the cookies

Tree lights are all so bright

Mary's son was born

All around the world is joy

Santa goes HO HO HO leaving gifts under the tree



Ellie McGuinness, 4th Class

Localise
 Localise is an amazing group of people that help people in need. With Localise so far we have made beautiful drawings and paintings and mini packages with sweets, nuts, crackers, chocolates, candy canes, candles, fluffy socks and hand made cards.

We also sang songs and recorded dances to them. We really enjoy Localise because we love helping and making people smile.

I hope we will do more and put more smiles on peoples faces.

Wiktorcia Cieniawa, 6th Class

Cribs made by Shauna Finnegan & Wiktorcia Cieniawa, 6th Class



The Christmas Story

Once upon a time,
 A long, long time ago.
 Begins the story of a baby,
 That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph,
 And Mary was His mam,
 This babe was very special
 He was God's only Son.

Some angels came from heaven,
 And they began to sing.
 To the shepherds in the fields below,
 "Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens,
 To light the three kings' way,
 To the baby in the manger
 Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him,
 Rejoiced and praised His birth.
 For the babe, the King, named Jesus,
 Is our Saviour here on earth!

Ms Bourke, 2nd Class



Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Vincent de Paul food appeal.



Reminder ...
 For the safety of all, please do not park too close to the school gates when dropping off or collecting children.

Thank you



Lulu Gannon, 3rd Class

Holes book review

Holes is a mystery fiction and adventure book. It is filled with all these things and with a bit of humor along the way. The authors name is Louis Sachar he is very talented and wrote many other books including "There is a boy in the girls bathroom" and "Small Steps". The book is based on a boy called Stanley who is sent to Camp Green Lake. It is supposed to build character but it is a lie. Stanley arrives at Camp Green Lake and soon makes friends with a boy named Zero and they run away. Will it go to plan? My favourite character is Kissin Kate Barlow - a famous outlaw on the run. The book goes back and forth 100 years. Kissin Kate Barlow is creative, cunning and brave. She was originally a school teacher. Will you teacher turn outlaw? I rate this book 5 stars because it was so adventurous and I loved all the twists and turns! :)

By Niamh Munnally