

### Localise and St. Catherine's Senior School

Our involvement with Localise has greatly impacted on us as a Class and as individuals. There are many ways in which Localise impacted on us. For example it was very close to our hearts to celebrate the Mater Hospital and all the staff who work there, on the occasion of the Mater's 160th birthday. Many of us have relations and friends who work there. It made us feel delighted and excited to see the smiles on the staffs faces when they received our care packages.

We really enjoyed preparing the signs for the 160th birthday celebrations. We felt it was a really special moment as we were highlighting the fantastic work of the Mater Hospital. It made us feel very proud when the staff appreciated our display.

Although we could not visit the Mater Hospital, we had lots of fun practicing and recording the dance at Christmas. We were delighted to see how much the staff enjoyed our dance and that we cheered them up at Christmas time.

We were very busy at Christmas making the care packages for the staff and patients in the hospital but it was all worth it in the end when we saw the handover on zoom. We loved volunteering with Localise and it was a brilliant experience. We wish everyone a very happy Easter.

Ms Kealy's 6th Class

### Fighting Words Layla Duff 6th Class Ms Haverty

On the 29th March Ms Haverty's 6th Class went to Fighting Words. Fighting words is a creative workshop for young aspiring authors. This workshop is amazing because it gives everyone a chance to write or draw their own stories.

At first we were each given a name tag, then we were introduced to Mark who showed us a bookshelf. At first we thought it was just a regular bookshelf but then Mark pushed it and it led to a secret room. In this room we met Tyler, he spoke to us for a bit and then helped us write our Class story.

After we wrote our story, we were given the option to continue drawing or writing our class story or we could make up or own story. Then we shared our stories and illustrations. They were all amazing.

Finally we walked back to the train station and we went back to school. It was a great day and I hope we get to do something like it again.



### SPRINGTIME

Every day we go out to the garden to do gardening and look at the lovely daffodils. We are planting carrots right now. We learned a poem by William Wordsworth called "Daffodils" and we made lovely artwork of daffodils too.

By Ruby and Lynn  
4th Class Ms Kennedy

### Reminder ....

For the safety of all, please do not park too close to the school gates when dropping off or collecting children. Please do not park in front of the yellow pencils. Thank you



# St. Catherine's Senior School

Easter 2022

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,



Welcome to our Easter Newsletter!

The Spring weather has provided the girls with lots of opportunities to be outdoors and you will read about our success in the Dublin Cross Country races and trips to the Phoenix Park in this newsletter.

Thank you for your very generous support for our Bake Sale for Ukraine. We sent an amazing €1,215 to help children fleeing from the war in their country.

Sixth Classes have completed their Localise Project for this year. The representative from the Mater Hospital and the head of finance in the Rotunda Hospital attended their graduation, and both were impressed with the girls' understanding of the importance of service in their local community.

We hope that more children will be able to cycle and scoot to school safely in the final term of school. Please do not park in front of the yellow pencils when dropping off or collecting children.

Fifth and Sixth classes continue with their weekly German lessons. They are really enjoying the experience of learning another language, and we are delighted to have Ms. McCarthy coming to our school to teach them each week. This will be a huge advantage to the girls when they transition to Secondary School.

Our "Walk with Charlie" for Motor Neuron Disease and Pieta was a great success. We raised €500 on the day for this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support for St. Catherine's.



We wish you a safe and happy Easter.

School reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am

## The Dublin City Cross Country Race

On Wednesday 2nd March 2022 myself, some girls from 5th and 6th Class went to the Bogies Park for The Dublin City Cross Country Races. First we walked to the Bogies and met up with a load of schools who were already there. Ms Haverty walked us through the track and told us where we would be starting the race. After that we watched the younger children run their races.

After the 2012 boys finished their race it was time for the girls 2011. We all went over to the starting point and the 2011 girls from our school got ready. The rest of us cheered them on. Next the 2010 Girls got ready for their race, it was quite draining but we all got through it. When we were finished the 2009 girls ran their race. When all the races were finished they gave out the trophy's for the top 6 in every race. It had been raining very heavily all day so we arrived back in school very wet!

By Juliette Lourdes Ms O'Sullivan 5th Class

## OUR TRIP TO THE PHOENIX PARK

On Friday the 25th March we went to the Phoenix Park. It was a beautiful day. When we went to the park we had to be in partners and my partners were Honey and Alayah. Ms O'Heaire and Ms Costello came with us. When we arrived there we met Cormac who told us fun facts about the trees. He told us years ago they used to make rope with the bark. So cool!!! When Cormac was finished telling us about the trees we ate our lunch which was very nice. When we were finished our lunch we went to the Maze YAY!!! When we got back to school we were so tired, but it was still lots of fun!

Emimy Hoxha 2nd Class Ms O'Heaire

## BAKE SALE

On the 9th March both 6th and 5th Classes had a bake sale in aid of Ukraine. First we made bright and decorative signs to tell everyone where and when the sale was on. Everyone made beautiful cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies and Tina from Ms Haverty's Class made cake-pops!



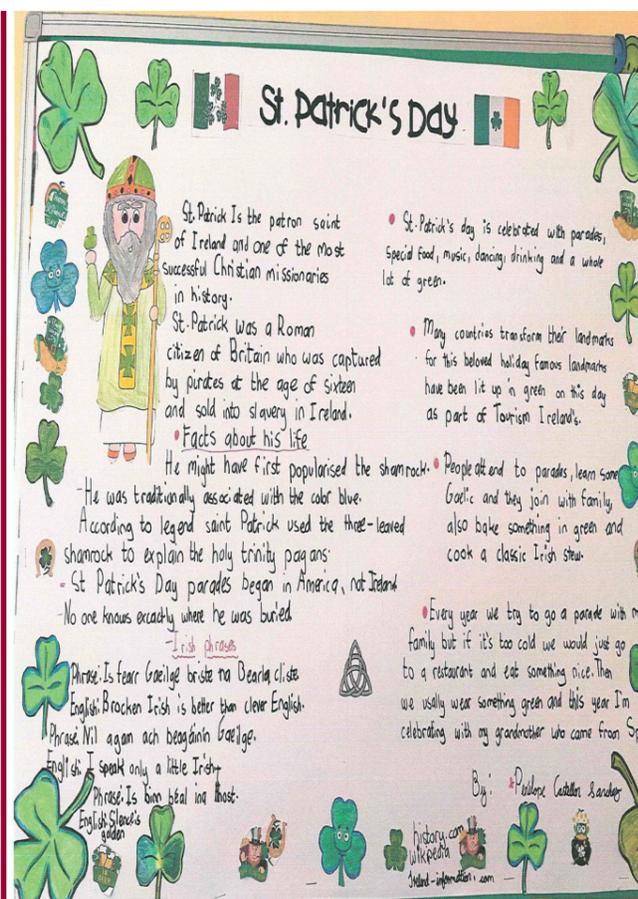
Four classes came to our class and soon everything was sold out. At the end of the day Ms Higgins announced that we had raised €1215.00 for Ukraine. We are so happy to help the people in Ukraine and had fun while doing it.

By Isobel Farrelly 6th Class Ms Haverty

By Mali Duffy

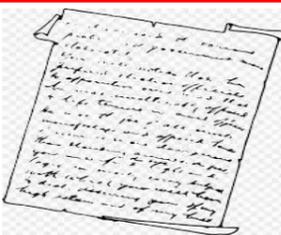
4th Class

Ms Stapleton



## Persuasive Letters

We are learning about persuasive writing and how to write a formal letter. We are writing to our local Councillors and TD's about things that need improving in our area. We have mentioned things like supplying more bins, adding more plants to our parks and supplying more equipment for children with disabilities in the playgrounds. Doing more group clean up's and fixing traffic lights. We are hoping they will write back to us and we hope that they will take our opinions into consideration. We have really enjoyed learning about writing letters and how to send them off.



By April and Laura  
Ms Cukur's 5th Class

## Our Localise Story

Our story with Localise began in Term one of 6<sup>th</sup> Class with a zoom call with Debbie from Localise. She asked Ms. Haverty's and Ms. Kealey's Classes to make a giant message to celebrate the Mater Hospital 160th birthday. Both classes agreed to help celebrate the Mater's birthday and got straight to work.

When we had finished our signs and messages Debbie invited us over to the Mater so they could take aerial photos of the signs. When we got to the Mater we had a photo shoot in the park opposite the Mater due to Covid restrictions. Derek and Debbie arranged us into different formations and places and took a variety of photos of us doing different fun things with the big signs. After this we met some of the staff of the Mater who were impressed with our art work and creativity. Debbie and Derek gave us chocolates and sweets to say thank you for our work. We were delighted on the way home on the bus. We really had an amazing time.

Later on in December, we heard from Localise again. This time they asked us to help them make cards and gift bags for the doctors and nurses who are working in the Mater over Christmas. We were so happy and excited to get started on the gift bags. Debbie sent us in some craft materials to make the cards as well as lots of things to put in the gift bags.

We started straight away adding fluffy socks, candles, chocolate sweets, candy canes and a Christmas ornament to the gift bags. We also popped in our handmade cards. They were beautiful. After we had made the care packs we decided we would make a hamper for them, everyone brought in chocolates and sweets and in no time at all, our Hampers were full. We were so proud of ourselves.

Finally, a few girls in our class composed a dance for the Mater. They made up the dance to the tune of the song 'All I want for Christmas is you'. They taught the dance to both classes. We practiced a lot and then we made a video doing the dance and saying thank you for all their hard work.

We felt great about all the work we had put in. We really enjoyed working with Localise and we hope to work with them again in the future.

By Aisling Reid Ms Haverty's 6<sup>th</sup> Class

## Ethiopia

When we were learning about Ethiopia we learned that Ethiopia is in the Horn of Africa. We made a sunset and people with unique fabrics based on Martin Bulinya's art. We also made stamps and stapled them onto a coloured piece of paper. The class drew maps of Africa and circled Ethiopia. We did a project on Ethiopia and learned about their clothes, their rivers, their foods, their sports and their landscapes. We used iPads to play games and do research. We also did a report on Ethiopian animals. We also drew the Ethiopian flags. They are green, yellow, red and blue. We really enjoyed learning about Ethiopia.

By Bailee Farrell 4th Class Ms Stapleton

