



St. Columba's

GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL & FACILITY FOR DEAF CHILDREN

EDITION 24



AUTUMN WINTER 2010

A big welcome to our new Junior Infants 2010.



Ms. Laura Lomasney's Junior Infants.



Ms. Sinead McEnergy's Junior Infants.



Ms. Caroline Evans' Junior Infants.



Ms. Una O'Flynn's Junior Infants.

School Walk

In October we all took to the highways and byways of Douglas for our annual school walk, raising almost €8000 in aid of school funds.



Senior Infants set off on their School Walk.

Taking a break mid-walk in the Autumn sunshine.



Congratulations to our 6th class mathematicians who recently competed in the International Maths Challenge Competition.



Lord Mayor Visit

Our Lord Mayor, Michael O'Connell, visited us in September.



The girls were really impressed with his bling!



Classroom Buddies

For the past number of years, a very successful "Buddy System" has been established in St. Columba's, whereby some of our seniors team up with our juniors for various activities. Both groups benefit enormously from these meetings.

Classroom Buddies teaming up for art activities.



World Pet Day

Our 2nd classes celebrated World Pet Day by bringing their pets to school! We learnt all about feeding, exercising and taking care of our pets.



Worldwide Cultures

This term we celebrated many different cultures



6th class cooked Chinese dumplings.



Studying the art and culture of the Aborigines was fun.

Well done to our Traffic Wardens who brave the weather morning and afternoon to ensure we all cross safely.



HALLOWE'EN



These ghouls are far too pretty to frighten anyone!



WE ALWAYS CELEBRATE HALLOWE'EN IN STYLE AT ST. COLUMBA'S

Drama



Ms. Phipps' 5th class entertained us all with their performance of "The Visitor".



The Juniors loved Stiofan Naofa's colourful production of "Food, Glorious Food."



Science Week

Science Week in November was celebrated throughout the school. Our 6th classes put their scientific minds to the test in their robot making workshop with London based engineer, Steve Thomas. The girls dissected teddies to create their very own walking, talking, interactive cuddly toys! Late Late Toy Show, here we come!



Christmas

We all love Christmas at St. Columba's, decorating our classrooms, making Christmas decorations and singing carols.



Re-enacting the Christmas Story at our Carol Service.



Sr. Pauline's class helped decorate the windows in the junior school.



Lighting our Advent Wreath.

Choir

Our school choir is always in demand at Christmas. On 10th December, the girls paid their annual visit to the Maryborough House Hotel to sing for the Cork Society of Chartered Accountants. They accompanied the junior classes at their Christmas Carol Service, sang at the Parents' Association's Christmas Coffee Morning and were honoured to be asked, once again, to sing with soprano, Cara O'Sullivan, at a carol service in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown.



Members of our School Choir.



Our School Orchestra were busy this term with rehearsals for our Seniors' Carol Service.



Sport

Football Win

Once again our football team made it to the Sciath na Scol Final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Our girls put on a magnificent performance beating Ovens N.S. with an impressive 1-10 to 0-1. Well done, girls!



Members of the St. Columba's Supporters' Club!



Taking the Sciath na Scol Cup back home!



"Some day I hope I'll be in the Sciath na Scol Final!"



Celebrating Cork winning the All Ireland.

3rd class enjoying creative dance with Ms. Fitzpatrick.



Sarah Bryant's classmates were delighted when she won a brand new pair of runners for them all through Champion Sports.



Green News

Over the last number of years, St. Columba's has been taking part in the An Taisce Green Schools' Programme. To date, we have been very successful in running the first three themes of the programme- Litter and Waste, Energy and Water. This year we are continuing our focus on the fourth theme, Travel. The aim of the travel programme is to promote sustainable travel to school, such as walking, cycling, park and stride, car pooling or taking public transport. At the moment, we have two walking buses with a third up and running in the New Year.



The Grange Walking Bus which runs twice weekly.



Green Committee

A new and enthusiastic Green Committee was formed this term. The committee meets regularly to discuss ways of promoting the Travel Programme and ensuring that our school is as green as possible.



This term we've created more beds for our vegetable garden where we planted wheat, barley and oats.



Our Garden Buddies cleared out our vegetable beds in September.



Parents' Association

A sincere thank you to all the parents on the committee who give up so much of their free time to the school, organising the Book Fair, the monthly coffee mornings, the Friday morning school shop, the Christmas Monster Raffle as well as decorating the stage in the Junior School for Christmas.

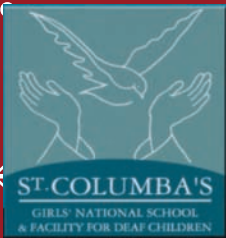
Junior Infants collected acorns on their nature walk around the grounds of St. Columba's.





Should we experience severe snow and ice in the coming weeks, please check our website or school phone for information on un-scheduled closures.

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