

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CATHERINE MCAULEY NS **NOVEMBER**



## REMINDER

**FRI 6TH DEC SENIOR SWIMMING** 

**FRI 13TH DEC BAKE SALE AND BRIC A BRAC** 

**WED 18TH DEC CHRISTMAS PLAYS @ 11:20 AM IN ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH** 

**THURS 19TH DEC RAFFLE** 

**FRI 20TH DEC HALF DAY**

**MON 6TH JAN SCHOOL REOPENS** 

## ROOM 1

It's been another busy and exciting month in Room 1! We kicked off the month with a fantastic Science Week, the students loved visiting other classrooms to carry out experiments. We also had an incredible trip to the Irish Architectural Archive with Room 2. Back in the classroom, we got creative with our Lego Spike kits! The students built a working submarine



and a spinning amusement park ride. With December just around the corner, we've started getting into the festive spirit. The class is busy practising for our Christmas Performance, and we have even started decorating.

## ROOM 2

Room 2 have been busy learning all about Data in Maths. We have also been working hard on our advent of Kindness. There was great excitement upon starting work on our STEM projects in Lego, so much fun was had!



## ROOM 3

This month has been very interesting! We started our swimming lessons in the Markievicz pool. We saw the monument to Countess Markievicz outside with her dog.

We went to Pearse Street library and met Sarah Webb the author. We wrote stories in class and sent them to her to read. We had two different kinds of engineers speak to us during science week and we got to do lots of different experiments. Juliette Viodé came to speak to us about her street art. She is currently doing an art installation in our school and she painted the artwork in our school yard.

Joan has been teaching us to crochet. The value we explored this month was Respect. We have been learning about how to show respect to one another.



## ROOM 4



Room 4 have been learning about World War II through the story of Anne Frank. The children have learning about the Secret Annex

that Anne lived in, what Anne's family's daily routine looked like in the Annex, and what Anne's thoughts and dreams were at the time. We have been doing writing and drawing activities inspired by her story. Here is a picture of her bedroom in the Annex in Amsterdam- you can see her postcards and newspaper cuttings on the walls.



## ROOM 7

Students in Room 7 loved all the experiments during Science week last week! We especially liked the experiments in Room 5 with Ms. Hughes. In maths we have been enjoying maths talk while exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Ms. Harrington



## ROOM 9

Room 9 teamed up with Room 5 for some adventures this month. We all enjoyed a historical tour of Kilmainham Gaol where we learned about the history of the jail and the role it played during many significant periods of Irish history. We also enjoyed a workshop together in the Architectural Archives where we learned a about planning and how even the 'Best Plans' have room for improvement. In Maths, we have been tackling fractions and are trying to engage the skills we worked on in the first term as they support us greatly with navigating fractions more efficiently. In S.E.S.E. we have looked at the Eye and Light as well as the Ear and Sound. We just need to take a closer look at the weather now to finish off this month before we get a little festival!

## ROOM 5



Room five and Room nine went to Kilmainhan goal this month. We found out so much information about all the different prisoners and the history of the jail. Room five then completed projects about the jail and Michael Collins.



## ROOM 6

Room 6 had a busy and exiting month. Last week we had science week and the children went around to other classes and seen some amazing experiments.

Room 6 have also welcomed their new teacher Ms Nee to the classroom and we are excited for the next few weeks ahead



## ROOM 8

Room 8 have had a very eventful month! We participated in the school sponsored walk and had a very fun time in Herbert Park afterwards. We enjoyed a visit from an engineer, learning a lot about what the job entails. And finally, we enjoyed a brilliant day out to Kilmainham Gaol brushing up on our Irish history!



## ROOM 10

This November students in room 10 have been soaring in their learning! Students or shall I say, scientists engaged in a very successful science week full of exploration, experimentation and fun! We explored our dyslexic superpowers and learned about the value of respect. Students are taking flight in learning maths facts and keeping up with their excellent reading!



## THE HUB



The Hub. We're busy working away in the hub this month and we've started putting up our Christmas decorations!!



## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is officially up and running! Their first task was to try out the new hot food lunches, giving valuable feedback on the menu. They also held their first group meeting to brainstorm ideas for future projects. Stay tuned to hear all about their exciting plans to make our school even better!

## OUR VALUES

In November we focused on the value of respect. In December we will look at the value of kindness.

## MESSAGE FROM MS. SHEAHAN

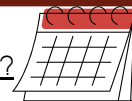
As we approach the beginning of December - students have now completed three full months in Catherine McAuley NS. We are firmly in our routine, with new learning happening in the stretch zone! Thank you to Ms. McKinley for organising a fantastic science week where students got to engage with lots of different experiments. It was so much fun, and wonderful to see this week sparking curiosity, zest and scientific thinking! I am particularly thankful to Jonathan Roche - a past pupil of mine who is an engineer with the Office of Public Works. He came in to speak to pupils about his work, and share his love of all things science.

I am excited to get started with the hot school meal programme next Monday the 2nd of December. Don't forget to log into Carambola to look at the menu with your child and order what they would like to try by Friday afternoon. Well done to all who put themselves forward for student council elections, and congratulations to our new Council. Ms Cronin and Ms. Hughes held the first meeting on Thursday of last week, and there are already lots of good ideas and suggestions of how we can improve our school.



## UPDATE FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Can you sponsor an advert for the 2025 Calendar?



As mentioned in our Halloween update, the Parents Association is organizing a 2025 school calendar. We still need companies to sponsor an advert in the calendar for €250. If you are willing to sponsor a month in the calendar, please contact the Parents Association to arrange your advertisement at [pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie](mailto:pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie).

If you'd like to ask a company to support us, please contact us for a letter.



Prizes needed for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Raffle

Each year the school holds a raffle in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Do you have something you could donate to be a prize for the raffle?

Please let us know or send it into the school directly with your child.

We will share more updates in the December newsletter but if you have questions or would like to get in touch at any time, email [pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie](mailto:pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie).