

Holy Child School CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



KPA NEWS

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to bring you up to date on our activities.

On 24th October we welcomed Sinead Cusack back to her alma mater for an informal talk with Madeleine Keane. The tone of the evening was set with a glass of wine and canapés in the reading room before we gathered in the candle-lit library. Sinead entertained us with stories of her time in Holy

Child and her life's journey afterwards to become a world-renowned and award winning actress. We all agreed that she was utterly charming, unassuming and refreshingly honest. Madeleine led the interview in her usual skillful and relaxed way and it was a truly memorable evening. The library was filled to capacity and we are very grateful to all the parents, staff and pupils who supported the event.

The new website is up and running and is a vast improvement on the old one in terms of ease of use and attractiveness. We feel that it shows Holy Child School in a very positive way and is a very useful source of information for the present parents and pupils and also for parents who are trying to find the best school for their daughters.

Research is ongoing into the matter of introducing iPads. We are looking at the experience of other schools that have introduced them this year and we are examining different alternatives in terms of notebooks and new products being launched.

Some of the parents have expressed an interest in attending a talk on some of the issues that may affect the girls such as cyber-bullying, nutrition and alcohol abuse. We intend to send a survey to all parents in order to find out which topic is of most interest with a view to inviting a speaker early in the New Year.

The Annual Mass of Remembrance was held on 17th November and, as always, was a lovely service with beautiful singing by the choir. Everyone was glad to have a cup of tea and a chat in the library afterwards.

The Carol Service was held in the chapel on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December and the choir had been practicing hard to ensure that the extremely high standard of singing is maintained at this popular event. We served non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards and as is traditional, the choir entertained everyone there with some of the more lively Christmas songs.

There was a Book Fair in the school on 8th December. Those who were able to come picked up some very interesting books for a nominal fee but for various reasons there was not a good turnout.

We are delighted to announce that the Yearbook for 2011/2012 has been printed and is available through the school at €25 per copy. It is a wonderful memento for the girls, with lots of photos, and will be published on an annual basis.

Finally we would like to wish all the parents, pupils and staff of Holy Child a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for 2013.

The KPA Committee



School Self-Evaluation

From the academic year 2012/13, schools have been requested by the Department of Education and Skills to engage in school self-evaluation on teaching and learning as part of the existing school development planning process. Schools are requested to start with small initiatives and build a self-evaluation process based on discrete aspects of the school's work.

Here in Holy Child Killiney we have began the process through a number of initiatives.

Literacy: The revamping of the school Library and the provision of a Library period for all 1st Years. All departments are also focusing on key words in their subject areas. We encourage all students to read and suggested reading material is posted on our website.

Numeracy: All departments are focusing on numeracy as related to their subject, in line with the national Literacy and Numeracy Strategy.

Teaching & Learning: Two inservice courses have been provided for all our teachers, one on Differentiation and one on High Impact Teaching. These courses were delivered by Dragonfly Training.

Teaching Project: Mr Keane, Mrs F. O'Leary, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Hackett are completing a Management Programme which requires the school to carry out an action project. This project is exploring the development of an academic tracking system for all students entering Holy Child. This year's study involves a group of 1st Years. We will be writing up our results in May and hope to have a blueprint for implementation with future year groups.

We will keep parents informed of our progress in all of these initiatives as we move through the school year.

Gerardine Hackett, Principal



SVP Annual Appeal Launch 2012.

On 14th December, 7 members of the Holy Child School Conference went with Mrs Moisselle to the launch of the annual Christmas Appeal in Ozanam Resource Centre, Dublin.

The appeal was launched by broadcaster Ryan Tubridy with the slogan 'Your Help is Vital'. A local primary school sang Christmas songs to get everyone in the mood for the Toy Appeal. Holy Child Killiney and Chanel College represented the secondary schools who are involved.

We met Ryan Tubridy and Dublin GAA Footballer, Ger Brennan, and outlined our SVP activities and initiatives. The SVP National President talked about their new advertising campaign and aims for the coming year. It was really enjoyable and we are committed to continuing our work for SVP.

Envelope Delivery: 4th Year SVP members were involved in delivering

over 2,000 envelopes in local parishes on Tuesday 4th December; well done girls.

Bag Packing: 4th Year students bag packed for SVP on Friday 7th December in Cornelscourt, raising €2,400 - a great success.

Gift Appeal: 32 SVP members from 1st - 6th Year shopped in Dun Laoghaire for 16 deserving families. Gifts to the value of €1,200 were purchased.

Hamper Day: Hampers were collected on Tuesday 18th December all items were gratefully accepted.

We appreciate the wonderful support of parents and staff. Thank you.

Martha O Beirne, President;
Laura Conboy, Secretary.



Aoife Sherlock and Rosie Culhane meet Ryan Tubridy

Congratulations to Sarah Fennelly, Jessica Nolan, Ciara McDermott and Isabelle Sweeney on winning Entrance Scholarships to Trinity College. For more information see our website.



Entrance Scholarships



From the Chaplain

As we move from November into the month of December with Advent Promise and Christmas Joy, I want to thank the 5th Year students who planned the 'In November We Remember' Ceremonies. These girls led the prayers in the Chapel with reverence and dignity, touching the hearts of all who attended.

Advent and Christmas bring many opportunities for celebration and the 3rd Years began with an Advent Assembly and blessing of the Advent Wreath. Plans for the annual Carol Services are well underway, as are arrangements for the Peer Ministry

Hanukkah Party and the Angel celebration with the 1st Years - you can read all about these on our website in the New Year.

The SVP Cornelia Connelly Conference have been exceptionally busy and are a pleasure to work with - thank you to Martha, Laura, Katie Louise, Eabha, Rosie, Aislinn, Judy and Aoife for their endless energy and unfailing good humour.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Ellen Moisselle, Chaplain.

Amnesty International Report

The launch of our Amnesty Group was very successful. Our first event was a surprise kidnapping of the Deputy Head Girl, Laura, to highlight the issue of Prisoners of Conscience. Only the Social Action representatives were informed about the kidnapping before the stunt to give it the shock factor. During one of our regular housekeeping assemblies Laura began telling the story of Malala Yousafzai and expressed her views on the situation. To the schools surprise, the lights were cut and the Amnesty Group kidnapped Laura. After a motivating speech from Elva, our Head Girl, students were urged to show their support to Laura, who vowed to be silent until we got 250 signatures for



Malala by writing letters to the Pakistani President. We would like to thank all the students as we got 300 signatures, which were all forwarded to the President in Pakistan.

Katie Louise Flynn & Eabha O'Sullivan, Social Action Prefects.

Peer Ministering 2nd Years:

This year a number of 5th years became peer ministers. We work alongside Ms Moisselle, and we are all members of the Justice and Peace group in the school. As Peer Ministers, we are appointed three 2nd Year students each, with whom we meet up every few weeks to discuss their religion course. Just before our midterm break, all the 2nd Years took part in a pumpkin carving competition. Each of the peer ministers helped their 2nd Years with their pumpkins. This was a great, informal way of getting to know our second 2nd Years. As the Justice and Peace group, it is our job to raise awareness in the school about issues

or topics we feel necessary. On 21st September we decided to raise awareness on Mental Health. We put posters up around the school, handed out leaflets, and each SPHE class focused on mental health issues. It was a great success.

Julie Kealy, 5 Alpha



From The Principal



Congratulations to Alexandra Cunningham, Madeleine Daly Devereux, Alice Gahan, Dannii Kelly and Catherine Ward who received UCD Scholarship Awards.

Christmas is a time of giving and as you read this newsletter you will see that the girls have embraced every project that seeks to make Christmas special for those less well off than themselves. They have been encouraged and supported by their teachers and parents, and I take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their hard work and commitment to all of these projects.

I hope Christmas 2012 brings joy and peace to all our families and I wish you every blessing for 2013.

"We must never forget it was not in a palace that the Holy Child gave first blessing, but in a stable."

Cornelia Connelly

Advent Crib Visits:

Each year in Holy Child the 3rd Years volunteer to give each class time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Judith Robinson and I were really excited to find out we would be the first of the 'Advent Angels'. We led a 2nd Year group to the Advent Calendar for their crib figure, and then to the Prayer Room for a festive crossword and prayers, with a treat at the end!

It was a lovely way to mark the Advent season.

Sophie Quinlan, Form 3

Cross Country Results

| Race | Student | Place |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1000 metre | Emma Murphy | 9 th |
| 1000 metre | Iseult Devaney | 10 th |
| 1000 metre | Kavita Daly Devereaux | 14 th |
| 1000 metre | Alannah Byrne | 17 th |
| 1000 metre | Elisha De Alker | 18 th |
| 1000 metre | Rosa Geoghegan | 19 th |
| 1000 metre | Sarah Maher | 21 st |
| 1000 metre | Lucy Hanrahan | 24 th |
| 1000 metre | Kiara Wigzell | 72 nd |
| 1000 metre | Leah Morris & Ally Maguire | joint 73 rd |
| 1000 metre | Nicole Healy | 133 rd |
| 1000 metre | Rachel Munelly McCormack | 135 th |
| 1500 metre | Mia Ivankovic | 5 th |
| 1500 metre | Amy Graham | 18 th |
| 1500 metre | Shanley Clancy Molloy | 21 st |
| 1500 metre | Mia Doherty | 45 th |
| 1500 metre | Ellen Radford Dodd | 48 th |

Katelyn Hallam deserves the recognition of being the most improved basketball player at HCK. She set a school record with 14 points and 10 rebounds in a match. December proved to be a tough month for the Cadettes as they approached the final stages of the league. Unfortunately, the Cadette A's fell short losing to Mount Anville and Cluny, and the Cadette B's lost to Mount Anville but beat Cluny. The Cadettes have recorded most of the basketball accolade for HCK in the past.

On 17th December the Minors fell short to Rockford by two baskets. The season officially opens in January 2013.

Hockey: Congratulations to Emma Mathews and Abbie Russell who both played in the recent Schoolgirls U16 Interprovincial Tournament. Emma has also received an Irish U16 trial and we wish her every success.

Our Senior A Team have competed well. They are looking forward to the Senior Cup which begins in December. Our Senior B, C and D teams have all enjoyed fantastic success in their leagues with 5 wins and 1 draw.

Our Junior A team have progressed to the semi-finals of the Junior Cup. Our Junior B started with a draw against Raphaella's but a talented Columba's team proved too strong. A superb win against Mt. Anville sees them back in

Basketball Results

| Team | Against | Result | MVP |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Seniors | Loreto Beaufort | Win | Ali Coleman |
| Seniors | Rockford | Loss | Ali Coleman |
| Seniors | Rathdown | Loss | Laura Hunt & Charlie Coffey |
| Cadette A | Loreto Beaufort | Win | Hannah O'Neill |
| Cadette A | High School | Loss | Hannah O'Neill & Juliana Shiel |
| Cadette A | Loreto on the Green | Loss | Sadbh McCaul |
| Cadette B | Loreto Beaufort | Win | Heather O'Gorman & Katelyn Hallam |
| Cadette B | High School | Win | Ellen Quigley |
| Junior A | Loreto Beaufort | Win | Sara Dawson |
| Junior B | Beaufort | Loss | Eimear O'Sullivan |
| Junior B | Loreto Beaufort | Win | Hannah Cuffe |
| Cadette A | Loreto on the Green | Loss | Sadbh McCaul |
| Cadette A | Cluny | Loss | Megan Kelly |
| Cadette B | Cluny | Win | Ellen Doherty |
| Seniors | Mount Anville | Loss | Ali Coleman |
| Minors | Rockford | Loss | Iseult Devany & Sadhbh Green |

contention. Junior C's are sitting pretty with a win against Kings Hospital and a fantastic draw against arch rivals St. Gerard's leaving them joint top of the table.



Minor A and B had a difficult start to their Leinster leagues and have both had narrow losses to Wesley, Foxrock and Dalkey. Our Minor C have competed well with a league win against Beaufort and wins against Sion Hill and Loreto, Bray.

Our 1st Years have been playing non-competitive 8 a-side hockey and have enjoyed good wins against Gerard's High School and a visiting team from the UK, St Hugh's, while also finding time to have fun playing in a fancy dress Halloween Tournament against Dalkey. Two 1st year teams will compete in the New Year in the 11 a-side Leinster leagues and we wish them the best of luck.

Equestrian News: On 24th November 2012 the action moved to Killossery Lodge in Swords. The HCK team consisted of Jessica O'Brien, Caoimhe Durkan, Ellen Radford Dodd and India Ryan. This Saturday delivered a first points finish of the year for HCK with a marvellous 2nd place finish after a 3 way jump off against the clock to push highly rated teams from Coláiste Bhríde Carnew and St Gerard's Bray down into 3rd and 4th place respectively. We currently have 8 points and lie in a very respectable 11th place of 33 schools on the Equestrian Interschool's Ireland League table. Ellen Radford Dodd is our highest placed rider on the individual league table currently standing in 4th place.

Sailing: Laura Coleman participated in the RSEVA Southern at Greystones Sailing Club. Out of a total of 4 races Laura achieved the highest honours with four 1st place finishes. Congratulations to Laura.

Fencing: Congratulations to Kiara Wigzell who is currently ranked no. 2 in Ireland in fencing, an incredible feat.

GAA: Hannah O'Neill who has had great success in GAA is currently on trials with the U16 Dublin team. We wish her success and a memorable experience.

TY Belfast Trip

Transition Year students headed to Belfast for the first HCK overnight cross-curricular trip.

At 7.30am on 6th November 2012, Transition Year students headed to Belfast for the first HCK overnight cross-curricular trip. We had our Science learning day first. We arrived at the W5 Interactive Discovery Centre at about 10.30. There were three different interactive floors with loads of things to do. I really enjoyed it all but my favourite part by far was the workshop. The scientist did some really cool experiments with bonbons and liquid nitrogen. I didn't think chemical reactions could be so interesting and it definitely made me more interested in the subject.

After spending the day in the museum, we checked in to the Holiday Inn. The hotel was so nice and we were allowed to go swimming before dinner if we wanted to. We had a lovely three course meal in the hotel. Afterwards, we changed into our pyjamas and watched Mean Girls in the Conference Centre which was really fun.

The next morning we were up and at breakfast by 8.30. Breakfast was so yummy; we had a big fry! The first part of the History day was an open bus tour around the city. The top of the bus was freezing, but it was a really interesting tour. We went to Stormont, the 'Peace Wall', and saw lots of murals from the Troubles. We got to write our own messages on the 'Peace Wall', which I loved. This part of the day really put into perspective how hard the Troubles must have been.

After the tour, the bus dropped us at the Titanic Museum. We had lunch there and then began exploring the many sections of the museum. It was brilliant; the best museum I've ever been to. We were there at least two hours, but it didn't feel that long at all because it was so enjoyable.

We then boarded our bus for Dublin and arrived back to HCK at about 7pm. It was a super trip!

Rosie Culhane and Camerin O'Connor.



Sports News

Cross Country: On Wednesday 14th November 2012, Blackrock opened the 2012 Cross Country season with 21 HCK students competing. HCK students excelled in this 1000 metre event whilst competing against 150 athletes from across the county.

Overall, the 1st Years took Silver, being edged out of the Gold medal place by a slight margin to Coláiste Íosagáin. The top six runners from 1st Year got medals. Our Seniors also did HCK proud. Jenny Hughes achieved the Bronze medal and Cathy Caslin finished 12th overall.

On 5th December at Cowpark, Dunboyne, Co Meath 1st Years took gold beating Coláiste Íosagáin for the first time. The 2nd Years took bronze on the day. Congratulations to all the

HCK athletes and many thanks to Rosanna Baker and Barbara Hatton for coaching the students.



Basketball: This is the first year in HCK history that we have entered a senior

team into the SDBL. The Senior basketball team has had a terrific season making it to the SDBL quarter finals only to fall short to Mount Anville by a couple of baskets. This team started the basketball campaign as 1st Years in HCK. We are very proud of each of them.



From Elva and Laura

Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl

Hi all, Elva and Laura here again, after another terrific term! We've been busy as ever here in Holy Child.

Shortly after midterm, we remembered all our beloved dead in our annual "In November We Remember" Mass. The 5th Years also organised a touching lunchtime ceremony, which was very well received by the student body.

The prefects have continued working diligently in their respective posts, and we'd like to commend them all on their continual hard work. It is a pleasure to work with girls as enthusiastic and committed as these.

Our clubs and societies have continued to grow and prosper, and lunch time meetings have become second nature to all! We have had a great number of successes, ranging

from debating achievement to sporting triumphs, the latest of which was the Junior A hockey team's success in getting through to the final of the Junior Cup on Wednesday 19th December. Congratulations girls!

Both Katie and Éabha, our Social Action Prefects, have been beavering away at their various projects, ranging from Amnesty International events and meetings to our Saint Vincent de Paul hamper and presents campaigns. As ever, we thank you for all of your generous support with these initiatives.

At the time of going to press, half of the school are in the throes of house exams, and we wish all those involved the best of luck. Down in the depths of the 6th Year wing, the Christmas spirit is palpable.

This cheer stemmed from the arrival of our fabulous Christmas tree last Monday, for which we owe thanks to our own Kitty Boyle.

We look forward to the culmination of the exams, and the beginning of the festive celebrations that we have lined up for the final week of term.

These include our multicultural Christmas "buddy" lunch, the annual yuletide feast organised by the Student Council, and our end of year Christmas Assembly.

We hope you all have a very happy and peaceful rest over the Christmas holidays. Looking forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Until next time,

Elva and Laura.



GREEN-SCHOOLS COMMITTEE



El cambio climático

"El cambio climático no es importante para los irlandeses."



No estoy de acuerdo con esta afirmación. El cambio climático es un problema muy grave para todo el mundo, porque afecta a todos los países. Quizá no tenemos en Irlanda los desastres naturales de gran magnitud, pero tenemos nuestros propios problemas del cambio climático.

Hay prueba que el cambio climático es real, y que el mundo está más caliente cada año. Muchos dicen que no es un problema para los irlandeses, porque el clima aquí es demasiado frío. Pero hay un problema. Irlanda tiene un clima moderado gracias a una corriente que viene de México; se llama el 'Gulf Stream'. Sin esta corriente, Irlanda sería mucho más frío, especialmente en invierno. Más dinero gastaría en la calefacción central, y resultaría en menos

combustibles fósiles.

Además, el cambio climático en otros países afecta mucho a los irlandeses. En el tercer mundo por ejemplo, con la desertificación. El cambio climático causa sequía, y muchas familias ya no pueden vivir en sus países. Muchos refugiados podrían venir a Irlanda, y no tenemos trabajos suficientes para apoyarlos.

El cambio climático afecta a todo el mundo. Con el efecto invernadero, el riesgo aumenta de las inundaciones. Irlanda es un país rodeado por agua y si hubiera inundaciones, mucha gente perdería su vivienda, sobre todo la gente que vive en las costas del país.

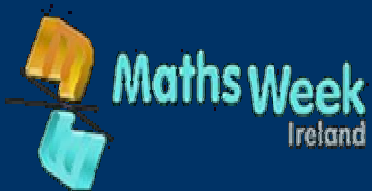
Aunque el cambio climático es importante para los irlandeses, es culpa de ellos, y de la gente en el mundo desarrollado. Son las personas que conducen mucho, que malgastan

la energía y que usan mucho los recursos naturales. Es una vergüenza que el gobierno no haga más esfuerzos para reducir la huella de carbono.

Afortunadamente, hay una solución para este problema. Es necesario que andemos o usemos la bicicleta mucho más para reducir el nivel de gases venenosos en la atmósfera. Y es importante que el gobierno ponga en marcha más campañas para minimizar el efecto invernadero.

En conclusión, en mi opinión el cambio climático es importante no sólo para los irlandeses sino también para el resto del mundo. Si no hacemos esfuerzos para proteger el medio ambiente habrá consecuencias negativas.

Kate Cox, 6A



Maths Week Ireland 2012 ran from 13th October - 21st October and involved schools from all over the country.

During the week we played lots of maths games and took part in the Mangahigh Maths Challenge. This was an online competition to see which school could solve the most maths problems in a week. It was fun competing against the other schools and winning our Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. To end the week, 1st Years got to go on a Maths Treasure Hunt around the school. We were put into groups of three and each group got a 4th Year girl to help us in case we got stuck. We were given a piece of paper with a maths problem on it. The solution to this problem was the number of the classroom we had to go to for the next problem. We got to travel around the school to find all the answers and the first group back to Cornelia Connolly Hall won. When we got back, one of the teachers checked our answers and when we were all back we got sweets. The Maths Hunt was brilliant and I thought it was great fun. I really enjoyed Maths Week and I'm looking forward to it again next year.

Sarah McDermott, 1 Alpha.



On 12th October, students from 1st and 2nd Year started reading in aid of MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Ireland, to help fund the research into finding a cure for this disease. MS Ireland is an organisation that assists people with Multiple Sclerosis. Two-thirds of the people with MS are women. This disease affects us as a school as there are a number of girls whose parents have MS. 1st and 2nd Year students were lucky enough to have the chance to hear a personal account of what it is like living with MS from one of these parents. This gave us the drive to participate and raise as much money as we could for this great cause. All the girls read for a month, with great encouragement

from our librarian, Valentina, and the English department. We put up posters all over the school to encourage as many girls as possible to join in. On 12th November, we put down our books and finished our fundraising. In total, we raised €984.60. We are very pleased with this result as there were only three classes who took part in this project. Everyone who took part in the MS Read-a-thon will be entered into a draw to win one of four great prizes. We would like to thank all the girls who participated and we hope that even more students will take part in this amazing event next year.

Megan Doyle, Caoimhe Dunne and Emily Massey.

The Follow up on One Good Idea

After winning the One Good Idea Competition last year, the seven 5th Years who took part were invited to attend a photo shoot at Wilton Plaza in Grand Canal. The Dublin Area Recycling Team (DART) consisted of Jenny Hughes, Sally Hanrahan, Emily Daly, Hannah O'Donoghue, Emma Carroll, Ellen Geary and Caoimhe Durkan. Our idea was to raise awareness about the importance of recycling DART tickets and to encourage the use of smart cards. Along with the boys from Chanel College, Coolock, we

were photographed in our One Good Idea t-shirts for the PR launch of the competition for 2013. Afterwards, we had complimentary refreshments. The following day we were delighted to see ourselves in the Irish Times Newspaper and on their website. As an overall experience it has been unforgettable and we would recommend all the 4th Years to participate in the competition this year if possible. We would like to thank Ms Greehy for all her help and support during the competition.

Jenny Hughes, 5A and Hannah O'Donoghue, 5 Alpha.



Las Chicas de Transition

Spanish Significant Day of Learning

Salimos de casa y cogimos el DART para llegar a Pearse Street para las diez menos veinte.

Primero fuimos a visitar el puente Beckett diseñado por Santiago Calatrava, un arquitecto e ingeniero español. Nos gustó porque fue en forma de arpa.

Después fuimos al Instituto Cervantes cerca de Trinity College y vimos la biblioteca y una exposición de postales. Fue muy interesante.

La próxima parada fue la Galería Nacional de Arte. Vimos allí unos cuadros de Goya y Picasso, dos famosos pintores españoles. Pero también en la galería vimos un cuadro de la periodista Maeve Binchey – una ex alumna de HCK que tristemente acabó de morir.

Tomamos el almuerzo en un restaurante de tapas, The Port House.

Las tapas incluyeron calamares, tortilla española, albóndigas, croquetas y chorizo. De postre, había chocolate con churros. Delicioso!

Fue un día inolvidable, lo pasamos genial. Gracias a nuestras profesoras por organizarlo.



Kung Fu



I have been doing Kung Fu for a year. I go to YMAA, where we train Shoulin Longfist and Whitecrane style Kung Fu. We also do Sanshou, which is Chinese Kickboxing.

Recently I passed my Green Belt; this belt marks the first stage of training. I train with my brother and for our test we had some sense of distance drills, along with different blocking and

punching drills. We also had the first part of a Long-fist sequence called Luan Bu Chuan which took us a while to learn, to say the least! We also had different moving sequences, punches, kicks and we had to make up our own kicking combo which was fun but challenging. I am delighted that I passed my green belt and I am now working on my purple belt, which I hope to pass soon. I am looking forward to the China Trip at Easter and I hope to be a purple if not red belt by then.

Ellen Geary, 5 Alpha

Witches Frolic

The *Witches Frolic* is a competition for 1st Year girls. Each girl has to make a hat made of recycled materials. They can then show off their hats on the runway for the other students and a panel of judges. The judges were made up of teachers, head girls and Green School Committee members. On the panel this year were Ms Cluskey, Ms Moran, Ms McCann, Señora Roset, Elva McCabe, Laura Lambe, Molly Boyne and myself. There were many different things taken into consideration when we were deciding the winners. The hats had to be made of recycled material, had to have a sense of originality, and the model had to have a good attitude on the catwalk. There were many different prizes, including best walk, most detail and of course first, second and third places. It was a great success and all the hats were so creative and colourful. The *Witches Frolic* is part of our Litter and Waste programme, which we have to maintain while we work towards our next Green Schools Flag for Energy Conservation.

Ali Coleman, 4A.