



# Happy Easter 2018



## A.T.P. Action Team Partnership Update

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Our Fruity Friday initiative has been a huge success with everyone making a big effort in the staff room. The students have enjoyed trying all the different fruits that Food Dudes are providing. We have all tried or held, bananas, apples, peppers and many other fruits and vegetables. The favourite was grapes. Our gym development is also underway, thank you to the parents and staff who helped out to make the learning environment a better place for our students.



*Our deepest condolences to Janice on the death of her father in law, Eamon O'Brien. The Forde family on the death of Des's father Eugene, and the Gormalley family on the death of Ryan's Granny Margaret.*

### Dates for the Diaries

**Term 2 ends on Friday 23rd March 2018 @ 12:30pm.**

**Term 3 begins on Monday 9th April 2018 @ 9:20am.**

**School closed on Friday 4th May and Monday 7th May 2018 for May Bank Holiday.**

**School is closed on May 22nd for 1 day of Junior Cycle Training—2 days were approved by the DES but we are only taking 1 following exceptional school closures.**

**School is closed on Friday 1st, Monday 4th and**

**Tuesday 5th June 2018.**

### N.E.W.B.

The National Education Welfare Board (NEWB), requires by law that all student absences from school are accounted for. Parents are asked to fill out the St. Cecilia's School absence certificate when students are absent for any reason. These can be found on [www.stceciliasschool.ie](http://www.stceciliasschool.ie) in the links section, or can be requested from the class teacher at any time should you run out or misplace them.

### All absences must be

**communicated to school in writing, otherwise the**

**student's absence will be recorded as**

**unexplained, as per the school**



### Junior Cycle at level 1 Pilot update—L1LPs



Our Junior Cycle pilot programme successfully concluded on March 9th in advance of the curriculum being launched nationally next September. Of the 10 participating schools up to 3 have been asked to continue their participation going forward to assist with planning and implementation. We are privileged to be one of the chosen schools and we look forward to continuing our work with the NCCA into the future.

### Erasmus + trip to Romania

Shane and Ciara braved the snow and a 9 hour delay at Dublin airport to get to our partner school in Romania at the beginning of March. They had a great time learning about different approaches to learning and how different countries organise classes and implement their curriculum.

The healthy eating programme that is being implemented is having an impact on our school community when combined with our ATP initiative we are all a lot more health conscious!



### Total Foodies!!

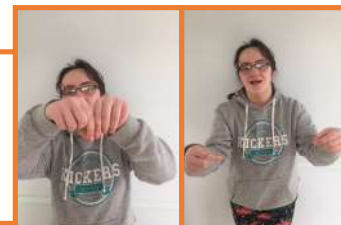
Over the last few weeks in Green Class we have been learning about food. We have visited places around Sligo to smell and taste new foods. We also made lots of food related art using our Food Dudes fruits as an inspiration as well as holding and exploring their smells. Well done to all the students in Green Class.

### Cake Sale and Raffle

We are holding an Easter Cake sale and raffle at the end of this term in aid of our playground fund. Last year's event was so successful that we felt it would be unfair not to run it again...and the staff are so fed up of healthy eating this term a treat will do everyone a bit of good!!! Please join us on Friday 23rd March @11:15am—12:30pm. All donations and buyers are very welcome.



Do you know this LAMH sign? Tip—It's a fruit...



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## QR Corner

QR Corner this term is a link to our YouTube channel. Have a look at some of the videos we are making for the students to look at, at home.

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## PLAY AND LEARN!

In Yellow Class we have been learning through AISTEAR this term. We set up a shop that sold fruit, vegetables and some very familiar lunchboxes. The students "bought" their own snacks and practiced waiting for change. We took turns being the shopkeeper and customer. Great fun!

We visited some real shops and Sean and Eireann helped find the items on the list, while Katelyn and Emily made excellent packers.

We are changing our shop to a barbers and nail bar at the moment, a great favourite amongst all students, so pop in to book an appointment with Aoife if you get the chance!



## A Credit to the Community.

Thank you very much to Sligo Credit Union who recently answered a Facebook request and purchased some communication games for school. We must also thank Noreen Sheerin who has also been very generous in her school donations. All your support is greatly appreciated.



## A Special Gift

Purple Class have worked hard on our Food Dudes programme this term. We have all either eaten, licked or held fruits and vegetables such as grapes, oranges, peppers and cucumber. It has been great to see the progress that has been made over the 3 weeks. We had a great community outing and art lesson when we went to buy some flowers for our Mums, we all decorated the jars ourselves and hope that everyone enjoyed their gift. Happy Easter from Purple Class.

Red is the New Black!

This term in Red Class we have been working hard on our oral language. We have been tackling a new core word each day and it has been a lot of fun! We have worked hard on our visual arts curriculum making 3-D flowers and Mother's day gifts. We are enjoying experimenting with a variety of musical instruments and styles. We are looking forward to this coming term when we intend to sow and tend to a variety of plants.

## Green School Flag

This term the Green Schools' Committee are exploring different forms of energy. We are particularly interested in renewable forms of energy. As part of our studies we conducted an experiment which highlighted how we can harness wind power and the power of water. We are preparing for some exciting spring activities, details of which will follow shortly! Watch this space!



## Active School Flag

With the arrival of Spring, and hopefully some better weather our minds have started to look forward to getting outdoors and getting more active. We are beginning to think about our active schools week and what sort of activities to do, for both staff and students. We welcome all suggestions and involvement from everyone, so feel free to get involved!!



We have already been paddle boarding, surfing, hillwalking, did yoga and Tai Chi, so we are open to everything!!



## Loopy for Letters

In Blue Class we have become very aware of our letters and their sounds.

We have started building them with wooden pieces,

writing them in shaving foam, gloop and sensory materials. We have been working hard on pincer grip and some prewriting activities. We are having great fun sampling new fruits and veg and matching the pictures. Some of us are writing the words to label them. We have enjoyed printing and construction with different foods for art.



## Language and Laughter

It has been another busy term in Pink Class. Work in the area of communication has been our main focus. Our Level 2 students worked on their presentations. Our level 1 students used PECs, LAMH and Colourful Semantics to

further develop their communication skills. We were lucky enough to receive all the board games from our wish list thanks to generous donations. These games are fantastic and we have had lots of fun playing with them. It is through this play that we have continued to refine our skills in communication including—turn taking, making requests, following instructions, interacting with others and working collaboratively with others.

Fashionably late—Our theme of fashion has coincided with us learning about time, calculators and money. We have identified coins using the interactive white board and used a calculator to add up items in a mock shop situation. We have also been working on our independence skills and paying for items of our own choice when visiting a familiar place for our community outing in Strandhill. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and hopefully a swim in the sea—when it gets a bit warmer. Happy Easter from Navy class.

## Surprising Growth!

We have had a lot of fun in Orange Class the last few weeks. We have started a small garden in our classroom and have planted a lot of different things including chives, basil, spring onions, scented stock, watercress and sunflowers. We are very surprised at how well they are growing already and have enjoyed looking after them. We have also been on sensory walks exploring a variety of construction materials. We would also like to wish Orlaith a very happy birthday.



LAMH Answer— Banana.