

Happy Easter 2019

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A.T.P. Action Team Partnership Update

Our ATP committee have been working hard this year. We are currently working on targets connected with the classroom doors, technology updates, a Healthy Eating Policy, parent involvement in school and a new target of student voice. We have already analysed how improvements can be made and are busy implementing these. If anyone has any time to offer we would be very grateful. Please contact Ben at school.



Staff News

Our deepest condolences to the families of past students Grace Gilliland and Evan Doyle who have died. RIP.

Dates for the Diaries

Term 2 ends on Friday 12th April 2019 @ 12:30pm.

Term 3 begins on Monday 29th April 2019 @ 9:20am.

School closed on Friday 3rd and Monday 6th May 2019 for training/May Bank Holiday.

School is closing at 2pm on 21st May for a staff meeting.

School is closed on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June 2019.

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Ombudsman for children

St. Cecilia's have been invited to complete work for the children's ombudsman. This involves adapting materials on the rights of children to write lessons that will be available internationally.

Ben and Ciara are busy compiling the necessary information and amending the content to meet the needs of students in the moderate range of disability.

We are looking forward to the launch at Croke park in the autumn.



Erasmus + - Ireland played hosts.

St. Cecilia's were hosts to our European partner schools from Latvia, Estonia, UK, Romania and Portugal at the beginning of March. As well as our meetings about healthy living and working on our health ambassadors we took time to see the sights of Sligo. We went for a walk in, Rosses Point, took a trip up Knocknarea, and relaxed afterwards in the seaweed baths. Our visitors had a great welcome from Michael the chairperson of the BOM and our Mayor Rosaleen O'Grady. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. Ben and Ciara are looking forward to visiting Estonia in June.



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 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



attendance policy.



Do you know this LÁMH sign? Leah chose this from our theme words. Tip—It smells lovely!



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Taller than sunflowers...for now!

We have been very busy this term working on our theme of growing. We have measured our height to see who is the tallest and looked at long and short. Our favourite project this term has been growing our sunflowers! We planted them carefully and have looked after them since and they are really beginning to grow. We are wondering how long it will take them to pass us out in height.

Secure in our surroundings—Child protection Statement

We have recently been informed by our patrons—The Daughters of Wisdom that the Cregg House site is to be sold. St. Cecilia's school however will continue to provide SEN education at our current location.

Our Child safeguarding and risk assessment statement has been updated as per the guidelines. If you have any comment please contact school. The updated statement will be on our blog after approval from the Board of Management.

QR Corner

QR Corner this term is a link to gluten free recipes for Easter as part of our ATP Healthy eating work. Give them a go over the holidays.

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Taste the colours! Orange Class has embraced colour this term. We experienced a variety of colourful foods and believe it or not chocolate was not our favourite! We explored all the colours of the rainbow using paint and enjoyed getting messy when we mixed two colours to create a new colour. Now that Spring has sprung new life has been nurtured in our classroom. We have grown cress and flowers and even welcomed live caterpillars. We look forward to watching them grow and change into colourful butterflies soon.



Growing...Growing...Gone!

We have continued our Junior Cycle level 1 work with a focus on growing this term. We planted sunflowers and have observed their growth, and learned about what conditions they need to live. This was particularly good for the staff who overwatered the seeds so some did not grow at all!! We won't mention any names :) Have a great Easter break.



Artists Masterclass

We learned all about the art works of 3 very famous artists. Pink Class looked at and discussed the works of Kandinsky, Rothko and Warhol. All 3 artists used bright and lively colours in their paintings which linked in with our school theme colour. The paintings we chose to look at were all abstract art pieces, which we used as a stimulus to create our own colourful art work. Our art lessons were so exciting even Fr. Carroll joined in the creative process and has his art work on our display board!



Chatting and Choosing

This term, Yellow Class have been really focusing on using I.T to communicate and choose. We have 2 AAC devices and an I PAD, which are on the go most of the time. We are using them to help us to answer questions, make choices and identify what resources we need. Great talking Yellow Class!



Green School Flag

It has been a busy term for Green schools. The junior green schools committee shone during our recent Green flag renewal visit, answering questions and giving the inspector a tour of the school.. We have also participated in the walk for water event at Rosses point, so well done to the senior students and staff involved. Finally we have just submitted our final draft of the Global citizenship and energy renewal application form. We look forward to receiving the results next term.



Active School Flag

The dates for Active Flag Week in our school have been finalised, it will be from the 10th to the 14th of June. During this week we will be focusing on getting all students as active as they possibly can by having a wide variety of activities available to them. We also have a staff activity, in the past we have gone surfing and participated in yoga, Zumba and Tai-chi to name a few.



We have very recently been lucky enough to get the use of a beach wheelchair and are very much looking forward to testing it out!!

Sensory cooking

We have begun cookery lessons using lots of sensory ingredients. We have got really good at following instructions and measuring using a weighing scales. We have made pancakes, lemon scones and chocolate muffins. We have begun growing cress and look forward to using them in cookery.



It's all Grow!

This term in Red Class we have been planting and growing. We grew cress for our notice board, we planted a range of vegetables and we also examined the conditions needed for growth. We conducted a range of experiments to see what seeds need to progress. The seeds that received the water and the sunlight flourished. We have also been working hard on other curriculum areas; maths, communication and language, music and visual arts. We are looking forward to getting outside and getting our hands dirty in the school gardens in the coming weeks!



ART ATTACK! - White Class were also working on growing, observing growth in nature as well as in ourselves. The highlight of this term however has certainly been our work with Anna Faye, the visiting artist. We have explored a wide variety of mediums from screen printing, to dying with natural materials, as well as working with wool and effects with acrylic paint. This project has been all about the process and not the creation of the end product but some wonderful pieces have been created.

Grow, Grow, Grow!

It's been all grow in Green Class this term. We planted sunflower seeds at the beginning of the term and have been looking after them and monitoring their growth since, some are doing well others not so well. We have been telling the story of the 'Little seed' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

We have also been learning lots of words related to growing.

LÁMH Answer— Flower

Cake Sale

A cake sale will take place on Friday April 12th @ 10am. All are welcome but if last year is anything to go by you will all need a gym subscription to work off the cream and chocolate!!

Thank you very much to Fiona for all her hard work