

Nollaig shona daoibh 2017.



Christmas card selling

Our annual Christmas card selling took place again this year. Students designed cards to celebrate their work and students in the senior classes organised the event as part of their Junior



Cycle work at level 2. We learnt to send and open e-mails, to get the best value for money and we even estimated how many we would sell! Thank you to Christine Dolan at the Quayside shopping Centre for facilitating us. A very limited number of card are still available , please contact school.

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CARA National Award Winner

Congratulations to St. Cecilia's students and the whole school community on winning a national award for inclusion. The CARA awards are in recognition of schools that are inclusive in the area of sport and physical activity. Our thanks to Roísín for the nomination and to Shane Hays and Sligo Sport and Recreation who assist us in delivering the very successful pro-



grammes at school. Well done to all for the organisation and participation .



Our activity has continued this term through aquatics and dance. We have all been practicing dance routines for the school Christmas play and are delighted with our inclusion award for all the work we have done in the areas of Physical Education and getting us all active. We would like to challenge everyone to go on a daily walk during the holidays to keep up our exercise.

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? Tip— It's a place in Sligo



Sligo on Ice

Our good fortune continued with 2 classes winning trips to Sligo on Ice. Blue and Pink class who were nominated by Fiona Fahey Gilmartin and Patricia Kilcullen attended the ice skating extravaganza recently. The staff also enjoyed themselves, spending a long time learning how to get back up!! Thank

you to Fiona, Patricia and Sligo on ice for a great experience.



Rathcormac Christmas Tree Competition

Purple class worked hard on our entry for the Rathcormac Christmas Tree competition. We asked the school community to send in photographs of out family and we put all our love into a box for Christmas whilst thinking of them. We also worked hard on our LÁMH signing with Jenny participating in a Christmas song using signing. Check out our twitter page for the video.





QR Corner

QR Corner this term is a link to a Christmas LÁMH song so we can all join in together this Christmas.

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Léargas— Erasmus + Durham



eTwinning is an online platform linking a community of more than 500,000 teachers across Europe. It supports primary and post primary schools to find partners and work on joint projects in any curricular area. St Cecilia's have been twinned with special schools in Durham, Estonia, Romania, Portugal and Latvia to work on a project based around healthy eating. Éilis and Janice visited a special school in the North of England to kick off the project which helps us with new initiatives and best practice across Europe.



Celebrations and Decorations! A busy term in Red class. We welcomed our new student Darragh to Red class and indeed to St.Cecilia's school. We have been busy practising for our Christmas play, making decorations for our class room, and



working on our maths and communication and language amongst other things. We also had a birthday celebration this term, Sam Gray turned seven and we had a lovely party!



SHAPIN'UP FOR CHRISTMAS!

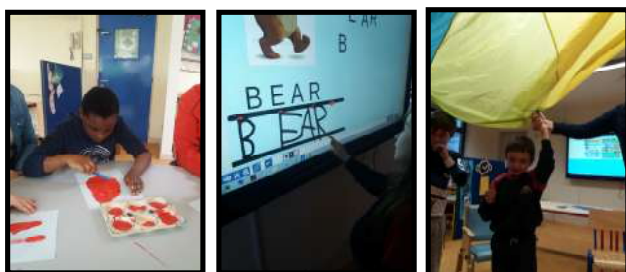
We have been exploring shape this term. We have had fun building (and demolishing...) towers out of 3D shapes, using the "Never too little to love" story as a cue. Now we are looking at 2D shapes, making shape pictures and playing matching games on the IWB. We are going to use these to make Christmas decorations, we hope our families will like them!

Co-Operation—Éilis and Lisa McGill our OT (Occupational Therapist) recently presented to employees of the HSE about joint initiative between the DES and HSE. They



spoke about how St. Cecilia's school and the HSE work together in the students interests. The presentation was extremely well received and we have been encouraged by our work. Well done both.

Lighting the Darkness - Blue class have been very active this term. We have enjoyed exploring the curriculum through different stories such as "Can't you Sleep Little Bear" by Martin Waddell, teaching us about light and dark. We have enjoyed a lot of work around shape sorting different materials into their shapes and building houses using triangles, rectangles and squares. We have participated in lots of activities like ice skating, cycling, parachute games and have enjoyed walking in scenic locations such as Hazelwood, Rosses Point Beach and Glencar.



Adventures in Class!

We have been extremely busy exploring lots of different places this term to go with our theme. We have visited many places including Glencar waterfall, Quayside, Johnson's court, home store and more and even Smyth's toy store to see was there anything we wanted to add to our Christmas list!! We saw lots of Christmas decorations and lights!!! Our favourite had to be when we saw the main man himself!!

Going Places!!

We have been very busy in Green Class this term. We have been working on Junior Cycle level 1, doing lots of cause and effect work. We have also been out and about visiting places around Sligo. We had a great day at the Clayton to see 'Rudolph'. We would like to wish all students a very Happy Christmas.

Stop, drop and roll!

After Halloween break Pink Class learned all about personal safety. We had great fun practising what to do when we hear a fire alarm! Some classes nearby thought it was a real fire drill as the sound was so loud in our class :) . It was a good thing that we practiced so much, as the following week Eilis organised a school fire drill—needless to say Pink Class were the fastest class out to the Assembly Point.

Enterprising Young Men....

As part of our Junior Cycle at level 2 work. Ryan, Shaphan and Martin have been working on the Preparing for Work PLU. We focused this term on the element—Examples of work related activities—Mini Enterprise.

This involved us thinking of a project we could do in order to make some money. We considered 4 options, conducted market research, decided on a product, assigned roles, shopped for the materials, designed the labels, weighed the ingredients, kept accounts and evaluated our work!!!!

We hope you agree that the final product was worth all the work. You can check out more of the mini enterprise work on our face book page.



LÁMH Answer— Hospital