

Nollaig shona daoibh 2018.



Christmas card selling



Dates for the Diaries

Christmas play is on Tuesday 18th December @ 1:30pm approx. in the school hall. All welcome.

Christmas lunch for students is on Thursday December 20th.

A VIP guest will be in school on December 21st.

First term ends on Friday 21st December 2018 @ 12:30pm.

Second term begins on Monday 7th January 2019 @ 9:20am.

Staff meeting on January 23rd. Closed at 2pm

School closed on Monday 18th March—Bank holiday and Tuesday 19th March for staff training.

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Our annual Christmas card selling took place again this year, but we have changed up the process to give the students more opportunities to engage with their Preparing for work—mini enterprise elements at level 2. Rather than selling cards ourselves this year we focused on assigning roles and responsibilities to students in Pink Class and we are ordering them direct from a company in Dublin. We were very good at learning to use e-mail, the telephone, designing forms and collecting the money!

The Secret Storyteller...



The Action Team Partnership (ATP) continued to look at the technology target this term with



another interactive idea.....Green Class were the first to experience the secret storyteller!! We asked a surprise guest to read a story to the students in the class via a video link. The class were prepared with sensory items related to the story and we all got a very big surprise when we saw who it was!!



The Secret Storyteller will be taking part in other classes throughout the school in the new year. In the meantime why not check out how Green class got on with their story by following the QR code to our YouTube channel.



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? It rotates left and right.

A DRUM ROLL PLEASE....

Yellow and Red classes have just finished part 1 of their "Music Generation" programme, learning new songs, turn taking and some super dance moves. We have now begun our Samba Sessions with Stephanie. We started by practicing loud and quiet sound, then start and stop, and finally everyone did a little improvisation. What a great session!



Outdoor Classroom



Our outdoor classroom work was extremely successful recently. No matter what the weather we are embracing learning outside and we will continue this next term. Head over to www.stceciliasschool.ie to see more student photos.



QR Corner

QR Corner this term is a link to a Christmas story that the parents and staff have read for you.

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raising only.



Léargas— Erasmus + Durham

Our latest etwinning project continued in Latvia in September. Éilis and Shane visited our friends and we feel that we are all making great progress on our topic of making Europe a healthier place to live. The next visit takes place in Sligo in early March, where we will be hosting schools from Durham (UK), Latvia, Estonia, Portugal and Romania. We are looking forward to having them all here, but I think they are looking forward to trying the Guinness more!!



Perfect Students

In our Short Course for Junior Cycle this year we are exploring facilities in the Community. We had a great trip to the train station, but the highlight was certainly a visit to the IT in Sligo. There were hundreds of students walking around and White class just sauntered in as if they totally belonged. We got to see the canteen, had a look around the library, sat in a classroom and even got into a lecture hall. One student thought we might even get to watch a movie on the big screen!! Here's wishing all the White class families a most wonderful Christmas.



Sound thinking. This term in Red Class we have been exploring the world of sound. We have conducted experiments to examine how sound travels. We have used a variety of sound making instruments some of which made high pitched sounds and some which made deep bass sounds. We continue to work hard on other curriculum areas such as maths and communication and language and we are recording our vocal sounds and having fun playing them back.



Barking mad!

Our work on sound this term had us listening to animal sounds and matching the sounds we heard to the correct picture—we all reacted well when we heard the big dog's bark! We have been working on pattern in maths and also have been clapping out different sound patterns. We really enjoyed our trip to the Christmas play "Elfie saves Christmas" and can't wait for our Christmas play here in school. Happy Christmas from all in Purple Class.



Squeaky clean

Our attention autism sessions have been very enjoyable this term. We learnt about stimuli with sounds and used these as attention grabbers and attention builders in our learning. A controversial sound was the squeaky balloon which got some strong reactions but everyone enjoyed the sound of the cups crashing to the ground! It was great to see everyone engaged and participating as part of a group. Our Personal care and wellness work has seen us learning about hygiene and how to wash out hands. We are still practicing this every day when the opportunity arises in Navy Class so will be squeaky clean very soon. Merry Christmas.

Working on Words

As part of our feedback from our subject inspection last term we have been working on consistent topic words for each theme throughout the school. The next school theme is colour and the words we are using are:

Colour, yes, no, fast, rainbow, in, like, slow.

It would be great if everyone could use these as often as possible at home and support with LAMH signing. Please contact Anita at school if you need help with the signs.



Musical Madness—This term in Blue we have been working hard on loud and soft sounds. We've tried lots of different instruments such as the harp, guitar, tambourine and flute. We've been busy practising for our Christmas concert and using our LAMH signs throughout the day. We are all getting very good at the safe cross code and waiting before we cross the road. Our favourite story this term is "Three sad Christmas Trees".

Sounds of music! Orange class have enjoyed a noisy term as we experimented with lots of sounds. We enjoyed touching and playing instruments of various shapes and sizes and experienced different genres of music focusing on mood. We made our very own guitar using a box and elastic bands of various sizes. The students loved plucking the bands creating their own sounds.



Sounds good!! In Green Class this term we have been learning all about sounds. We have used lots of different musical instruments, both in the class and during music therapy and music generation. We have been listening to and identifying natural sounds, and we have used the interactive whiteboard to make and listen to artificial sounds.

We have also gone all green in the class, taking unrecyclable plastic and making an eco brick with it. But we are having the best fun practicing for our Christmas play!!

Happy Christmas to everyone!!



"The more that you read, the more things that you know"
Pink Class students have been busy beavers and eating the books this term! Our level 1 students read many wordless books and completed their ELSB assessments. Pink class level 2 students created i-books. We had lots of fun taking photos, editing the photos and making the book in Book Creator app. We enjoyed sharing our creations with our friends in school. Have a look at some of our creations on our YouTube channel!

LAMH Answer— Dance