

Welcome, Welcome, Everyone...

We are delighted to welcome our 9 new students and their families to St. Cecilia's School. The new students range from ages 5-17 and we hope you are all very happy here. Please feel free to contact us but please remember that Mary the secretary finishes work at 1:00pm daily so it is better to ring in the morning!

#Mathsweek



October 14th to 18th saw a national initiative #mathsweek19 come to St. Cecilia's School. Ciara organised daily events from interpreting mathematical information from posters to tangrams to a brilliant mathematical scavenger hunt around the school. We all had a fantastic time enhancing our numeracy work from the curriculum in an interactive way. Thanks to Ciara for all her hard work. You can see the daily updates from #mathsweek over on our twitter account.



Parents association

A huge thank you to Pamela Gannon who organised a dance and raised a total of €5,500. This was used to purchase an interactive panel which is being put to great use in Red Class.

We wish long life and happiness to Alannah's mum Lucy who marries Matt on October 26th.



ATP—Action Team Partnership

The Action Team Partnership aims to bring together the school and the wider community through projects. If any staff, parents or community members would like to join please contact Ben at school.

A huge thank you to all who fundraised for phase 1 of our playground. Look at what we all achieved together...the students love the new space and can't thank you enough.



Back in Black—Due to our

growing student numbers we have to create a new class...Black Class. The students have continued their work on their L1LPs over at Cregg while we are waiting for our new classroom to be delivered and installed.

We have used proloquo2go and the iPad to make great choices between 2 items and we have extended this to ask for what we want in the community. It was a positive way to work on the element of exploring and using 1.16 - Make a request verbally or non verbally. You can see more of our work on Facebook, Twitter and the school blog.



Child Protection—Children First Laws.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement is available on our website and is displayed at the front entrance to the school. This will be updated annually and notifications will appear on the school website.

Do you know this LÁMH signs? 2 of our theme words connected with People.

Staff News

We welcome Sam, Mary, Mark and Joanne to the teaching staff.

We welcome Edel, Sean, Scott and Donna to the SNA staff.

Dates for the Diaries

School closing on Friday 25th October for mid term break @ 3pm.

School re-opens on Monday 4th November @ 9:20am.

Wednesday 20th November school closing @ 2pm for Staff training.

Closed on November 28th for Junior Cycle training.

Autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2019 @ 12:30pm

The ATP would like to invite everyone to our Playground Phase 1 opening celebration on Friday 25th October at 1:30pm.

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. It is a legal requirement for school to report students to TUSLA should 20 absences occur during the school year.



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.



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QR Corner - QR codes store information which can be scanned to provide you with additional information. Éilis, Ben and Ciara had the privileged of being invited to the "No Limits" event in Croke Park on Saturday October 19th after the work we did learning about Children's rights. Check out their website and twitter @OCO_ireland here for further information. *St. Cecilia's School accepts no responsibility for the content of external websites. No particular company/ brand are advocated /recommended-these are for awareness raising only.*



Active School Flag—The Active School Flag committee has again reconvened for this year. If any parent would like to join the please contact Shane at school. It's great to see all the activity that's going on at the start of the year.....cycling, swimming, walking, physiotherapy and even some action from the parents who participated in the walk for Tony Scanlon. What a fantastic event for parents and students to participate in.



The Cost of Health—This year we have welcomed one new student, Kian, and Benjimen has moved into Pink Class. We have enjoyed getting to know them and their hobbies and interests. So far we have been working hard on our Junior Cycle Level 2 PLU managing money. The students were practicing paying for different items by making up the amounts using euros and cents and visiting Mammy Johnston's. We have also been busy making weekly exercise plans as part of our PLU Developing a Healthy Lifestyle alongside our trips to Sligo Grammar School and swimming.



Active Beginnings

We have begun this school year with a flurry of motor skills. Yellow Class are cycling and go-karting daily and have starts our swimming programme. Our PE circuit is stretching our balance and coordination and we can't wait until Horse riding starts! Lots of fine motor practice going on in the classroom too, we'll be "fit as fiddles" by Halloween!



People, Prints and Parties—We have welcomed two new students into Orange Class, Shannon and Jake. We have hit the ground running with the theme of 'people'. We focused on Lámh signs relating to 'people' in the community, including man, woman, bus driver and friend. We looked at photos and books relating to the Doctor, the Vet, the Teacher, the Chef and the Fireman. We also learned about ourselves. We completed prints using different body parts including our fingers, hands and feet. We are looking forward to our playground party on the 25th.

Body Sounds—Jayden is a new member to Blue Class this September. We have been learning about different people in society that help us when we may have some problems. We have been learning the differences between boys and girls and how they dress differently. We have enjoyed our trips out in the green bus to Strandhill, Rosses Point and Hazelwood. We have used our bodies as percussion instruments as we made different sounds using our head, hands and feet!



Best face forward! Everyone has settled back to school really well this year and we have welcomed a new student Teegan to our class, who is a fantastic addition. We have celebrated the birthday's of Aaron and Keira and danced our feet off. We have really enjoyed learning about people so far in Purple Class. We have looked at our physical features and have worked on matching the right mouth, eyes and hair to the correct person in our class. We have also been learning about people in the community who help us and our favourite has definitely been pretended to be a fire fighter and putting out a "fire" with a water spray!



Dressing for success ! - We have welcomed two new members of staff into our class this term and have enjoyed settling in together. We have been super busy this term in Navy class learning about 'People.' We have discussed ourselves and our body parts and explored these through sensory stories. We have learned about 'people who help us' and enjoyed our drama lesson, dressing up as some of these people. We also enjoyed going on community outings together. So far we have been to Rosses point and Homeland.



The Green schools committee are delighted to announce our new theme; Global Citizenship and Marine Environments. We look forward to exploring ways in which we can reduce pollution in our locality, keep our current standards up to par with regards to energy conservation and examining new ways in which we can keep it green.



Back to Business—Everyone has settled in well after the long summer holidays in Green. We have been busy learning all about people. We have been visiting busy areas around Sligo and doing some people watching, we have done lots of work on numbers and literacy in the classroom and we have done lots of fun messy play. We have also been trying very hard to meet our 1 hour a day of activity quota by doing stretches, using standers, walkers and the moto-med bike trainer.

Fitness Fanatics!

White Class have welcomed 3 new students this year. Ross and Aoife moved from Pink Class and have enjoyed getting to know their new class mates. Reece is new to St. Cecilia's this year and he has settled in wonderfully into his new school and class. Our bunch of students are full of energy and they love to engage in physical activities. This term we focused on daily morning dance, exercise videos to link with the days of week and months of year in our morning group, along with daily class yoga. Students also swim weekly and attend PE sessions in the Grammar school. Special Olympics training has also commenced ... watch this space!

Fly with Me! - We have had a busy first term. We have welcomed two new students to Red class. A warm welcome to Aidan and Nicholas from all of us! In keeping with our theme of 'People' we have been discussing and exploring people who help us at school and in the wider community. We have been working hard on number and our handwriting. We have also been busy with our PE and we have had a few memorable outings on the bus this term. We visited Glencar, Strandhill, Homeland and Mr. Price. It has been fantastic and we are off to a flying start!

LÁMH Answer— nurse, friend

