



Back where we belong..

It was a fantastic feeling meeting everyone again after our enforced school closure. We all missed celebrations and milestones in the students' lives including school leavers, transitions to new classrooms and welcoming new students. We would like to thank Éilis and Mary C in particular who worked throughout the summer months to ensure that school could be open and everyone was able to return to a safe and secure environment.

We are delighted to welcome our 11 new students and their families to St. Cecilia's School. The new students range from ages 5-18 and we hope you are all very happy here. Please feel free to contact us but please remember that we have changed our email address to:

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Silver Lining

Silver class have been settling back well this term. We welcomed 2 new friends Jenny and Joshua to our class. We have enjoyed building routines, using visuals and exploring shape. We are enjoying lots of sensory play, cookery and story time. We like listening to stories about our families and sharing our family photos with our classmates. We have been exploring Autumn and doing lots of art and sensory work with autumn materials.




#Mathsweek

Maths week took place again this year with thanks to Ciara for all her organisation. Students focused on the areas of number, shape and space and did fantastic curriculum work at Primary and Junior Cycle levels. You can see the daily updates from #mathsweek over on our twitter account.



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.

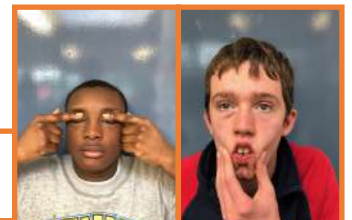
Confirmation and Communion 2020—We were delighted to be able to hold our Confirmation and Communion ceremonies upon our return to school. It was lovely to see everyone celebrate their sacraments in Cregg church albeit with a reduced number of family members. A big thank you to Bishop Doran, Fr. Caroll, Sr. Margaret, Triona and Kate who organised great days of celebration.



Child Protection—Children First

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

Do you know this LÁMH signs? 2 of our theme words connected with All About Me



Staff News

We welcome Roisin, Mark and Mary back to the teaching staff.

We welcome Sean, Anna, Lauren, Catherine and Breda to the SNA staff.

Dates for the Diaries

School closing on Friday 23rd October for mid term break @ 3pm.

School re-opens on Monday 2nd November @ 9:20am.

Wednesday 18th November school closing @ 2pm for Staff training.

Autumn term ends on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 @ 12:30pm.

QR Corner - QR codes store information which can be scanned to provide you with additional information. Here is a link to our school Facebook page where you can see more of the students work, and further info on our new Project Core communication programme.



The Best Wave of your Life-We started the year with a splash in Pink class. We organised surf lessons with Sligo Surf Experience in Strandhill for our community outings which was very kindly subsidised by Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership. We had a great time learning outdoors for our L1LP's—Being part of a community and PE, Aquatics. Check out those waves!!



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Talking Shoes!!

We have been focusing on the theme 'All About Me'. We learned all about our body parts. We learned all about our feet by doing foot prints with paint, listening to the story 'Fox's Socks' and listening to Handwriting Without Tears songs 'Stamp Your Feet' and 'Animal Legs'. We also used our Project Core boards to attend to conversations about our feet and shoes in Orange class.



FRUITY THURSDAY—Welcome to Aidan who has joined us from RED class this year. Congratulations to Maja and Tomek who both made their First Holy Communion this term. Yellow Class have been linking healthy eating with fine motor skills this term so far, by using lots of fruit recipes in our Thursday cookery slot. We have made smoothies, rainbow kebabs and fruit



Smores's, chopping our own ingredients. Even those more reluctant to try the fruit have had a little taste and the results are in....YUM!





Wearing us out!!! Since returning to school in September, we have been working very hard and learning all about ourselves! We have been identifying the different parts of our bodies. We have been making music and art using our body, including our hands and feet. We have been enjoying studying images of ourselves, our peers and our families. We have been matching different types of clothes and beginning to understand what clothes we need to wear depending on the weather. We have been wearing these appropriate clothing on our social outings. We have also been experiencing reading a variety of books during project core sessions.



It's All ME,ME,ME!!! -It's been a great start to the new school year in Navy Class. We have been busy getting to know all the new students and staff. The theme has been 'All About Me', so we have been focusing a lot on our own bodies and what they can do. We have used apps on the Ipad to make our faces look funny, we have used our hands to explore different textures and materials and we have been listening to stories that focus on different parts of the body. In addition to this we have also been working on literacy skills, and we have started using Project Core, a new communication programme. We have been working hard on our numeracy skills, focussing on counting activities and number awareness.

The Green schools committee are continuing with our new theme; Global Citizenship and Marine environments. We are look forward to exploring ways in which we can reduce pollution in our locality particularly with so much PPE being used, and examining new ways in which we can save energy and keep it green.

You've got a friend in me! - Our L1LP, students in White class have been achieving learning outcomes from all PLU's, but it's been a joy to watch them so naturally 'express contentment in the company of others ' (L1LP 4.1) and 'show enjoyment from an interaction with another person' (L1LP 4.3) The school yard has become a popular location and playing football, basketball, badminton and having fun on swings and roundabouts has resulted in the creation of some wonderful friendships.



We are all unique...

We have been busy learning about ourselves and our families this term in red class. We have made our self portraits and lots of messy painting activities using our hands and feet. We all discussed our family members and enjoyed making our family trees. We explored both these topics through sensory stories which was great fun!



Green Marine Machine

This has been a busy term for us in Green class. We have been working hard on our individual exercise programs. We have had fun out and about in the community (particularly in relation to marine environments as this is in keeping with our Green schools theme). We have also been working hard to get to grips with our new Project Core vocabulary. We have made a very promising start with this and look forward to exploring it further. We have also enjoyed creating works of art using strange materials and implements!



Body Shaping

This term we have worked really hard on settling back into school and it has been great to see everyone again we would love to welcome our new members of Purple class Connor and Kieron and Breda our new SNA. We have worked really hard on a lot of curriculum areas this term including 2D shapes, working on naming body parts and we have done great work on our writing.

Facing our Inner Beauty

The students have been settling in well and exploring the theme All About Me. We have created face portraits using leaves, twigs and other items collected on our daily walks. We are nurturing healthy minds by doing daily yoga and guided meditation, and healthy bodies by developing cookery skills, making scrambled egg and strawberry smoothies. Typing up recipes and keeping a gardening diary as we planted crocus bulbs has kept us very busy in Black class!



LÁMH Answer— Eyes and Boy.

