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### **Welcome Everyone**

St. Cecilia's School would like to extend a very warm welcome to the 15 new students and their families. We hope you have all settled in and are enjoying seeing the students learning on their Seesaw accounts. We were delighted to have Anna Newell and The Civic with us for a Drama production which engaged and interacted in a sensory manner with the students.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our 5Km run – participants, students, families and staff. Particular thanks to ROM (Terry and Carley), Cannings, Blue Lagoon, Mystique Beauty, Storm

Fitness, Vova Seaweed Baths, Good 4 You, SSRP and For Pete's Steak – Wynnes Meats.

If you are not following us on our social media channels then you are missing out!! Find out what we are all up to by liking our Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channels.



Perfectly Purple - We have been very busy having lots of fun settling in to Purple Class this half term and welcoming four new boys to our class and their first year of school. Well done boys! We have all been getting to know each other and have been learning about our families, our bodies and about our school. We been having so much fun trying different materials for messy play, splashing about in the wet play and finding our feet in the ball pool. We all love dancing, music, trying new recipes for cookery, counting using our Numicon shapes, PE and relaxing in the sensory room. This term we have been learning about shapes, enjoying stories and experimenting with paint for art. We have also had a great time exploring in our local area and enjoyed our community outings on the grey bus to the park. We are super excited for our next half term in



# Dates for the Diaries...



School closing On October 28th @3pm for midterm break.

School opens on Monday November 7 @9:20am



School closing at 2pm on Thursday November 24th for staff meeting.

School closing on Wednesday December 21st @12:30pm for the end of Term 1.





We have had a busy start to the year for the Green Schools Committee. In our first meeting, Mark was selected as the new Chairperson and Éilis was selected as Secretary. In our discussions we have talked about the new theme which is Water and also ensuring we continue the good work that was started last year in relation to our new recycling bins. We added a video to Pink Class assembly outlining how the bins should be used. Mark has also arranged a meeting with Aine O'Loughlen from Green Schools, next week.

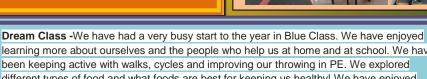
#### All About Me

We have been busy in Gold Class with the theme all about me. We are learning about the emotions that are all about me. The Important Book is a favourite story in class, the important thing about me is I am me. We created works of art featuring our faces using mirrors and paintings using our hands. We are learning to care for ourselves through exercise, healthy eating, and personal hygiene. We also took trips to the library, the park, Glencar, and a walk at the beach.









learning more about ourselves and the people who help us at home and at school. We have been keeping active with walks, cycles and improving our throwing in PE. We explored different types of food and what foods are best for keeping us healthy! We have enjoyed improving our handwriting, comprehension and group work skills. We have been learning about how we can look after our personal hygiene and learning when and how to wash our hands and doing this independently at times. Sweet Dreams was an amazing experience too!

Purple Class!









# **QR** Corner

LAMH signing have launched a new show on RTE JR. "Dizzy Deliveries" has various themes which incorporate LAMH signs. Why not sit down as a family and learn the signs together? Scan the QR code to find out more.



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#### Hitting the ground running.

It has been a whirlwind start to the year for the students and staff in Red class. We have been getting used to the new class setting, layout and new friends. The students have been learning about each other's likes and dislikes. We have also enjoyed our activities back in the community with trips to the Grammar School and swimming starting back. Finally we have also focused on body awareness identifying different parts of our bodies and in our short course we have looked at the life cycle of apples and identifying fruits and vegetables.













# Messy Me!!

So first of all a big welcome back to all the students of White Class. We have been busy doing lots of work and having fun. We have been exploring water in lots of different environments by having foot spas, using water playroom and trips out on our community outings to Mullaghmore and Lissadell. We have had great fun during our weekly messy play sessions, but everyone's favourite so far has been the potter's wheel!! We have also been working hard on our project core activities. Happy Halloween.



#### A FINE TIME FOR FOCUSING SKILLS.

In Yellow Class we have been working hard on our focus and fine motor skills. Rory, Isabelle and Pablo have been practicing their threading and posting using lots of different objects. They really have to concentrate on tasks that involve 2 steps and are becoming masters at their activities. Aidan, Sarah and Aibhe have been snipping and sticking with scissors and stickers, with some very crafty results. We have also been working on our prewriting skills by making marks in lots of different media; jelly, cous cous, sand and shaving foam. The jelly and shaving foam were particular favourites, involving some messy moments! In the words of Aibhe, the jelly was "squishy and delicious" and for Aidan, the shaving cream smelled "mm, nice". An explorative start to the year for Yellow!



#### Superb start in Silver

The 5 new boys fabulous girls have settled well into

Silver class. We have enjoyed exploring our new environment and hunting for shapes, learning all about our body parts and listening to stories all about our silver class adventures using the project core symbols. We have thoroughly enjoyed gymable this term, check out our photos.



#### **Super Sporty**

We are hardly able to stay awake in Pink Class after a super sporty start to the year. We have loved our tennis and surfing experiences for our Physical Education L1LP work. We have developed our balance, coordination and loved the experience in the water. A huge thank you to Jean at SSRP, Sligo Tennis Club and Jack from Outback Jack's Surf School for your time and support.











We have seen a lot of activity at school already this year. Classes have been walking, cycling, surfing as well as attending gymable, tennis and inclusive PE lessons at the Grammar School. If we continue like this we'll be too early with our Summer bodies!!

#### We are all Unique!

We have been busy learning about our bodies and our families this term in Orange

class. We have enjoyed a variety of sensory stories and senseology lessons related to body parts. We created lots of beautiful art using our hands and feet. One of our students and her family went on an amazing Make-A-Wish Disney trip!!

### Ginger Class

Green Class have been lookina at our body parts in Communication Language and Literacy - we read The Gingerbread Man. We made playdouah and made gingerbread people. We visited Homeland and looked at animals and plants. In Art we collected different coloured leaves on our walks and made a collage with autumn coloured paints.





# All About Us.

We have had big changes in Navy but we are all loving our new class. We have been learning all about me. We have listened to stories. enjoyed singing action songs learning all about our physical characteristics and facial features. We have made Andy Warhol inspired art and loved painting with our hands more than with brushes. We have really worked on our wellbeing through learning to relax and enjoy Tac Pac. We have explored a lot of 2D shapes in mathematics and matching quantities.



# Do you know these LÁMH signs?

The signs for newsletter are ear and girl.









### 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 website.