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### Culinary delights

Over the past few weeks Black Class have been cooking up culinary delights. We have used various cooking equipment including: microwaves, toasters, ovens and hobs. We have enjoyed experimenting with different meals and snacks that can be made using only a microwave. Black Class also followed a picture recipe to create their own snack of beans on toast independently.



Sounds abound!



We have been working so hard this term on a huge variety of topics and activities. We have done great work on learning to recognise and match coins. We have had our listening ears on as we explored the topic of sound from sounds in the environment to creating our own sounds from musical instruments and some everyday objects. We have listened to and identified animal sounds also. We are working hard on our Christmas production and hope you all enjoy it. We have been on lots of adventure walks around Sligo also but our favourite was definitely Rosses Point beach where we got to run and explore!



**Sounds of Success...** We have been learning about Shape for Numeracy and tempo and beat for our L1LPs in Music as part of our PLU in Visual arts. We played along to class favourites Bohemian Rhapsody and The Venga Bus, before turning our attention to making a music video for our drama performance. We had a great time learning our dance moves and composing our Black Class video. Have a great Christmas.



### Silver Bells

We have had a busy few weeks in Silver class. We enjoyed artwork with fabric and fibre and even made ourselves as snowmen and snowwomen. We have really settled into our routine and enjoyed the topic of money and pretending to play shop. We have all been working very hard at our workstations and definitely deserve a well earned Christmas holiday!!



### Project Core.

We have collaborated with Mel Galvin from Sligo IT and Des Forde from Verus to print the 3D shapes required for the students to access the language that we are promoting as part of the scheme. We would like to thank Mel and Des for their support in getting us communicating.



### Noisy Navy

This term in navy Class we have been focusing on learning about sounds. We have listened to and explored manmade sounds like traffic, machines, and computer noises, we have listened to natural sounds like wind, rain and the sea and we have listened to lots of different animal sounds. In the classroom we have shook, hit and dropped objects to see what sort of noises they made, and we have also played lots of different instruments virtually on the interactive whiteboard.

Along with all this we have been continuing to visit local areas for walks on our community outings, and we have generally been really lucky with the weather. We have also been doing lots of Christmas art and practicing for our Christmas play.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas, and we look forward to 2021 with optimism!!

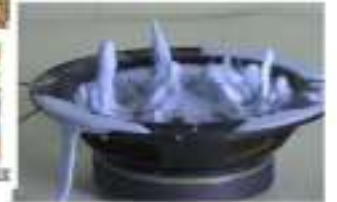
### Active School Flag

We have continued our activity this term and applied to renew our Active School Flag. Ben and Shane have completed the online survey and surveyed the teaching staff about their ideas of physical activity in the school. We hope to implement some new ideas in the near future, so keep an eye on our social media channels for updates.



### Counting is cool!

White Class L1LP students continued to develop their Numeracy skills in the area of Number this term. This half term has seen huge progress with some students working on counting to 20! There are some very lively counting songs that White class love to sing to each morning (L1LP2.13). Our daily Numeracy lesson includes activities that focus on number recognition up to 20 (L1LP 2.14), use Numicon pieces to create number lines and counting out familiar concrete objects (L1LP 2.15).



The Sound of Science.

This term in Green class we have been carrying out a range of experiments relating to our theme of sound. We have listened to various different musical instruments and assigned pictures that we felt suited each sound. We have used bass sounds to make grains of salt jump from a tray, and we have conducted a messy experiment using corn flour gloop and a speaker. We got a great laugh out of this! We have also been using recording equipment to create our Christmas song which we will add to a video for the online Christmas show! We hope 'yule' enjoy it!

Our LAMH signs for this newsletter were...

listen and again.





Do you know these LAMH signs?



## DATES FOR THE DIARIES



School closes on Tuesday 22nd December @12:30 for the end of term 1.



School opens on Wednesday 6th January 2021 @ 9:20am for term 2.



School performance will be available via a QR code or via our YouTube channel - Stceciliasschool



An outdoor grotto will be available for any surprise visitors on Monday 21st December!!

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### Nothing Rhymes with Orange!!!

Orange class have really been enjoying listening to rhyming words and playing rhyme games. We sang lots of rhyming songs as part of our Phonological Awareness Programme and used concrete objects to further develop our understanding of rhyme. We had lots of fun looking at a mouse on a house, a fox in a box and a bear on a chair.

### COINS, CAFES AND MAGNET MAGIC!

Yellow Class have been learning about money. We matched coins completed folder activities.

Tomek opened a café. He worked hard at making food, then we all had a chance to visit and use coins to buy a nice lunch. Taj and Maja bought items by placing the right number of coins on the worksheet and Katelyn used her Core Board to ask for the things that she wanted to buy. Sarah and Aidan became investigative scientists, exploring magnets to find out what they attracted and what they repelled. We had great fun moving paper clips across the table...what magic!

We have begun our Christmas craft activities and you can look forward to some lovely decorations making it home at the end of term... don't forget to leave space on the Christmas Tree!



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### Natural Art

We have been enjoying creating different types of patterns using numicon this term. We have enjoyed using our visual schedules, which allow us to know what we are doing during the day. We have enjoyed our social outings, especially climbing Union Rock. We loved the view! We used the different items that we collected on our social outings to create wonderful art pieces.

## Moving to get moving...

Our bus fundraiser is moving a fantastic pace, thanks to all of the physical activity that's happened at school.

The July Coastal Challenge organised by Patricia Kilcullan and the Parents Association was amazing and got lots of people up and about within their 2km during the first lockdown.

Since our return to school we have a massive thank you to Fiona Fahey-Gilmartin and Triona O'Dowd-Hill who organised and ran an ultra marathon in the school.

The students ran or walked 1km of the Cregg grounds before handing the school flag over to Fiona who then completed the Dublin Marathon for the 10th time the following day. A huge thank you to everyone who ran/walked/organised and sponsored the efforts.

A huge thank you must also go to the Innisfree Wheelers cycling club who donated 1000e to our cause.

Laura and Lisa Hynes also raised 790e doing the mini marathon in October. We cant thank you enough for all your continued support.

If you would still like to contribute to raising money for a school bus for your students please go to the school facebook page or follow this link.



St. Cecilia's School are proud to have achieved Green Flag, Active School Flag and QAI affiliation status. Scan the QR Code for more information.