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Red is the New Black!

This term has been very busy for all of us in Red class. We are easily the most fashionable class at St. Cecilia's and as such this term's theme of fashion has been right up our street! For communication and language we have enjoyed several fashion related stories, for art we have designed and made a class room clothes line and as part of our SESE studies we gathered materials and made some very fashionable nature bracelets.



Fashion Fun.

In Yellow class this term we have been talking about fashion. We have designed our very own colourful trousers using different kinds of fabric and dresses using natural materials that we gathered in the garden. We went to the shops on our social outing and looked at all the beautiful clothes. The highlight so far has to be our fashion show. The children first had to find different types of clothing and then modelled them while walking around the classroom. Of course the show had to be accompanied by music which dictated how fast or slow the pupils would walk.

L.Á.M.H

Do you know these signs?
Tip: It's an item
of
clothing, and a
colour



Wheely Wheely Kind

All the students at St. Cecilia's would like to thank the Inner Wheel branch of the Rotary Club. They have donated 2 new scooters for the students to use during break and lunch times. Everyone has had a go and they are proving to be very popular. Benjamin thanked the ladies in person when they came to tour the school and see the scooters in use.



Green Schools

We have just had our inspection for our fifth Green Schools Flag for biodiversity. We think it went well and we are awaiting the results which will be with us soon. Special thanks to all the staff and children for all the hard work they have done in preparation for the visit.



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.

Dates for the Diary

- School closes on Friday 11th April for Easter @ 12:30 p.m.
- School reopens for the summer term on **Monday** 28th April 2014 @ 9:20am.
- Closed on **Monday 5th May** (Bank Holiday)
- Closed on **Friday 30th May**, **Monday 2nd June** and **Tuesday 3rd June 2014**.
- School Closes for summer on **Friday 27th June**
- July provision starts on **Monday June 30th**.

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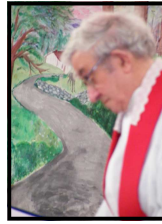
Handwriting without Tears (HWT)
Our whole school approach to handwriting as part of our School Self Evaluation (SSE) for Literacy is in full swing. The resources have been purchased and students are working hard with the new equipment. Have a look at the following you tube clip to help the students with the correct language to use when forming letters and numbers at home...



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Loughan House

We would all like to thank the guys from Loughan House who assisted us during February mid-term. They came to school to paint, garden and carry out some maintenance on the school building. It has made a big difference to our environment and we are looking forward to hosting them again during the Easter break for further maintenance and we are hoping that additional projects can be conducted in the future.



Celebration

Fr Carroll celebrated his Golden Jubilee on April 7th 2014. We would all like to congratulate him and thank him for all the support he gives everyone at school.

The Smartest Class in School

We have loved reading and working on our story "The Smartest Giant in Town" in Navy Class this term. We have sequenced the story ourselves from images and matched the clothing to the needs of the animals. We have dressed in sequence for SPHE, and sorted clothing for different weather conditions during Maths. HWT is in full swing and we are all enjoying our writing lessons.



"The Smartest Giant in Town Story"



An Active Bunch of Boys

It has been a very interesting term in Pink Class. In February the boys said goodbye to their teacher Triona and hello to their new teacher Janice. Geraldine Currid moved to Green Class and Rosie Wall joined the team working in Pink Class. All boys coped very well with the big changes. Along with getting to know the new staff the boys have been extremely active over the past few weeks. Shane, Benjamin and Ryan are all having an exciting time horse riding this term in Island View Stables in Grange. Friday evenings Gareth, Shane, Benjamin, Ryan and Jack go swimming. To keep us super fit we also have 2 P.E. sessions a week, one with the Grammar School students and one with Sligo Sport & Recreation.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Blue Class took the opportunity of a sunny day to practice our HWT skills outside. We drew on the tarmac using chalks, and painted the fence with water. Shaphan and Lee make some wonderful strokes with different colours, and Matthew and Martin showed great skill with the brushes. Here's hoping for some more good weather!



FETAC



FETAC work is progressing well for many of the senior students at St. Cecilia's. We have continued our work on 2 minor modules—Reading and Relaxation. We are currently in the process of cross moderating the students work in school before an external examiner comes to look at everything that we have done.

Active School Flag

The weather is getting better so its time to get out and get active. We are organising our third active flag week, it will be busy!!

At break times the students are working on gross motor skills (sending and receiving) through kicking and throwing foot-balls, our two new scooters have gone down a treat, with lots of turn taking every day, the trampoline is in full use and wheelchair users are doing movement to music. Our swings are always in use and are a big hit.

Swimming is ongoing and one of the favourite activities of the week, while horse-riding has started again for the senior students. Sligo Sport and Recreation are in the school every Wednesday afternoon working on sending and receiving and balance and coordination.



Paris, Milan...Green Class

We have been busy this term learning all about fashion. We have used old clothes to make a scarecrow, we had a school vote to give him a name, he is now called Fredrick!!

In Art we used old rags to make collages of various pieces of clothing, and we have made funny hats and painted them lovely bright colours.

We have been working hard on our letters in the handwriting without tears programme and learning lots of songs about writing.

We had a big birthday celebration during the term also for Saoirse, we had a big party in the class that everyone loved!!

Happy Easter to all!

ELSB Update

Students are working very well on our reading programme. Have a look at the following you tube clip to see some of the language and words we are learning...



LÁMH Answer:
These are the signs for "hat" and "pink".

Thank You

St. Cecilia's would like to thank Paul Keenan and the Gaiety Cinema in Sligo for showing the students a film at Christmas. Every year, Paul and his team open the cinema especially for our students to enjoy a film. We are also given drinks and snacks free of charge. We appreciate their kindness.

Thank You to Gilroy Gannon who donated good quality furniture to the school.

A continuing thanks to Patricia and Tank from Pet Therapy who are with us on a weekly basis.

A huge Thank You to Eddie and Eileen Carr who donated a new go-kart and Ipad for the school. The students are having fantastic leaning experiences with both.