

Countdown to Christmas!

Red class Students are really looking forward to Christmas this year. In keeping with our theme of 'sound' we have been experimenting with Christmas sounds, such as bells and tambourines. We are also going on some lovely community outings and this Friday will see us visit NCF stores to see all of the Christmas decorations and get into the festive spirit!



Sounds Good.

Yellow class have been doing a lot of work based around our topic of Sound. For Art and Music the pupils made their own instruments and really enjoyed making their own sounds. For Communication and Language the pupils tracked sounds around the classroom. We were lucky enough to get out on a number of social outings including Sligo airport and NCF.

Sensory Snowy Christmas

We have all enjoyed making sensory snowmen, both big and small ready for Christmas this year. We made snowmen and santas from wool for when we read and listened to our story "The Snowman". Garbhán in particular enjoyed the different textures and music that he experienced. Sean was very proud of the 3D Snowman he helped to construct which we are using as a school calendar to count down the days to Christmas.

Conan has worked well on his gardening skills in the polytunnel, planting and looking after a surprise for the parents. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas from Navy Class.



The Snowman by Raymond Briggs



"Tank" Goodness for Christmas

Orange Class have been focussing on the theme of 'Sound' this term. We have listened to various animal sounds and we also made vehicles that make sounds e.g. a car, train, bus and aeroplane. We went on 3 bus outings to NCF stores, Johnsons Court shopping centre and we took a trip out to Drumcliff. Fun was had by all. In recent weeks we started making Christmas decorations for our classroom and preparing for the Christmas play. Other activities that we have all enjoyed include daily trips to the sensory room, musical therapy with William, Pet therapy with 'Tank' and Patricia and also body awareness and tac pac. We in Orange class wish everyone a Happy Christmas.



Green Fingered John.

The Heritage Association have helped St. Cecilia's to maintain the school sensory garden this Winter through employing John Toner. John has been fantastic, assisting the students to maintain and keep our sensory garden by trimming out trees, planting, making and painting new plant boxes and labelling areas for the students based on our senses. We would like to thank John for all his hard work over 5 weeks and we are looking forward to getting back in the garden when the warm weather returns.

Causing a Christmas Effect

Everybody has been working terribly hard in the Green class this festive season. We have been practicing for the Christmas play. We have been making good progress in our handwriting programme. Saoirse, Jake and Conor particularly enjoyed learning about cause and effect by playing the Madagascar game in the whiteboard room. Tommy Lee and Thomas are really enjoying the music sessions and are great at joining in. Clara has joined in on some great cooking sessions.

The Parents and Friends Association have given the school €2000 towards new furniture.

As part of our involvement in the local community St. Cecilia's has been used frequently in the evenings by the local neighbourhood watch group. As a thank you for this the group have decided to buy us a shed to keep our bicycles and go-karts in. Éilis went to Ballina to have a look at a variety of styles and to see what was suitable for us. Thank you very much to the Community Alert group for thinking of us.

Janice, Paul, and Éilis attended a Music Generation course on Saturday 29th November. They enjoyed the practical parts of the course and have come back to school with positive learning experiences for the students.

Ben attended a course in Athlone on the new Junior Cert Cycle which could replace FETAC (QQI) in the future.

A huge thank you to Peggy Kilcoyne and Pamela Gannon on the disco in Tubbercurry which raised €2000 each for St. Cecilia's and St. Joseph's. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

Staff News

Shane is recovering well after his operation. We would like to thank Paul Gallagher who has replaced him. Unfortunately for us Paul has a longer term opportunity which he has taken up from the end of December. We wish him luck.

Active School Flag

Our activity has continued to increase this term. We have been participating in seasonal walks in different weather conditions for P.E. and Geography and cycling in the good weather at break and lunch times is proving very popular with some. Everyone has the opportunity to swim every week for aquatics and horse riding will be back in the spring.

