



A huge thank you to Fiona Fahey Gilmartin and Marie Gilmartin who organised 2 separate sporting events to raise money for our playgrounds. If anyone would like to donate to the playground fund scan the QR code or visit www.gofundme.com/special-ed-playground-equipment to donate. Thank you.

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Toy and Product Expo

A range of companies exhibited their products at the Toy and Product Expo in the Sligo Park Hotel on October 15th. It was a great opportunity for students, parents, teachers and the MDT to view what's new in the SEN sector and to try out things that interest and benefit all students. A very big thanks to everyone involved, especially Louise Bewey, Des Forde, Mary Corcoran and Éilis Dillon.



Day of Difference

Our ATP Committee would like to thank Irish Distillers and in particular Leo Nicholson for an amazing day. Look at all our new facilities! Thanks to the 70+ volunteers who painted, constructed and planted many projects throughout the school in one day! Call in to have a look at the fantastic work.



Staff News

We welcome Roisin Kelly and Ciara Hannon on the teaching staff.

We welcome Richard Gildea to the SNA staff.

Dates for the Diaries

School closing on Friday 27th October for mid term break @ 3pm.

School re-opens on Monday 8th November @ 9:20am.

Wednesday 22nd November school closing @ 2pm for Staff training.

Closed on November 29th for Language and Literacy training.

Autumn term ends on Friday 22nd December 2017 @ 12:30pm

Confirmation is on Friday 13th April @ 4pm.

Communion is on Saturday 28th April—Time TBC.

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.



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.

Maths Week 2017

Maths week was held on 14th-22nd October, despite a hurricane. We had a whirlwind few days trying to get all our early mathematical activities, shape and space work and number trails into 3 days. Thanks to Ciara for all the hard work.



Do you know this LÁMH sign? It's a profession in the school!!!!

QR Corner - St. Cecilia's School are proud to have been chosen by the NCCA to be a pilot school for the upcoming Junior Cycle at Level 1 Curriculum. Staff and students have been getting to grips with the new content and format and have already liaised with Margaret Flood from the NCCA who visited school recently. Scan the code to see the Draft Background Paper for more information on the new curriculum.



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All About Me

It's been a busy term in Blue class. We've been learning all about our body parts and the different clothes we wear. We've spent time looking in the mirror and painting our portraits. We have enjoyed Autumn community trips to the woods and Dooney Rock. We liked dressing up as Guards, Fireman and Doctors too.

Fáilte and Aistear

This term Yellow class have welcomed Eireann, our new student. We have also been learning about "People who help us" in Aistear. We have been hairdressing, attending the Doctor and finding out about the Guards, so if you need a pill or a perm, handcuffs or a headscarf, or simply a new appointment, come to Yellow class!

Famous Artists As well as learning about people who help us, Purple class have been learning about famous artists. We have read some wonderful stories about Picasso and his stripy trousers, Uncle Andy Warhol, Katie's adventures in a gallery to find the missing stars in Van Gogh's starry night and Matisse and his joy filled colourful house. Of course all students have created some wonderful pieces of art based on these stories.

Presenting.....

We welcomed Ross to Pink class this year. He has settled in well and is enjoying being a senior. We have been working very hard in Numeracy and Literacy this past 1/2 term. Everyone is learning to type and some are even independently typing sentences! Our current them is People and Pink class students are have created presentations on people of interest these include Nathan Carter, Michael Jackson and Imelda Mae.



Full of Energy! This term sees the beginning of our latest Green schools theme; Global citizenship and Energy. The first item on the agenda for members of the Junior Green Schools committee will be a visit to a hydroelectricity station to examine how renewable energy can be produced. We are also working hard to maintain previous themes through recycling, water conservation and composting.



Active School Flag

Our Active School Flag was in full swing during European week #BEACTIVE. We enjoyed seeing how far we could walk in a week. We managed to get as far as Carrick on Shannon as a school, despite being washed out by the weather on Wednesday!! We all participated in co-operative games using the parachute and learned about colours and numbers whilst keeping active in our hall. Our favourite activity was a DEAD day (Drop Everything And Dance) and although we were tired by the end of the week we weren't quite there.



Colourful Characters!

This term in Red class we have been very busy indeed. We have been learning about people who help us in the community. We have been dressing up as Guards, firefighters, doctors and nurses! We have also been working on our colour. We have been spinning a wheel of colour and each week we have been decorating our classroom notice board with our colour of the week. Red class students have enjoyed working on Blue, red, yellow and orange so far!

Sensory Artists

Orange class have welcomed back Orláith, Abigail, Megan and we also had the pleasure of Mea joining our class from another school. We have had a great time getting to know each other. We have worked on printing in art this term and looked at different artists including Kandinsky and Andy Warhol. We have used a lot of body percussion in music and throwing and rolling in PE. We are also loving the new equipment in the sensory room with the vibrating water bed and new bubble tube being firm favourites!!



Calculating our Future—We would like to welcome Darragh to Navy Class this year. He has settled in well and we have all enjoyed learning about our likes and dislikes. We hit the ground running with our Junior Cycle at level 2 work, learning how to use calculators and how to find them on a mobile phone so that we can add up what we bought in a café. We particularly enjoyed making a choice and developing our communication skills to make the selections.

Our station teaching has been very successful, and we are all enjoying the lessons, sensory activities and movement that this allows us to do. Have a spooktacular Halloween break!!!!!!

Causing a reaction

A big welcome back to our students in Green class. We have been learning about people this term, reading stories and listening to songs about people who help us. We have been working on cause and effect programmes on the interactive whiteboard and doing lots of sensory work. We are looking forward to Karl re-joining Green Class after Halloween

LÁMH Answer— Nurse

