

Nollaig shona daoibh 2019.



Board of management 2019-2023

The new Board of Management was

recently formed at St. Cecilia's School. The board which runs from 2019-2023 consists of the following members:-

Chairperson—Michael Horan (Patron nominee)

Principal—Ellis Dillon

Patron nominee - Sr. Margaret Morris

Community nominees—Pat Healan and Eugene Toolan

Parent nominees—Des Forde and Margaret Gilligan

Teacher nominee—Ben Lewis

Dates for the Diaries

Christmas play is on Wednesday 18th December. Junior students @ 11:30am and senior students @ 1:30pm approx. in the school hall. All welcome.

Christmas lunch for students is on Thursday December 19th.

A VIP guest will be in school on December 20th.

First term ends on Friday 20th December 2019 @ 12:30pm.

Second term begins on Monday 6th January 2020 @ 9:20am.

Staff meeting on Wednesday January 22nd 2020. Closed at 2pm.

Closed for Junior Cycle training on Thursday and Friday January 23rd and 24th 2020.

School closed on February 14th @ 3pm for mid term break. We reopen on Monday 24th February @ 9:20am.

School closed on Monday 16th March for staff training and Tuesday 17th March—Bank holiday.



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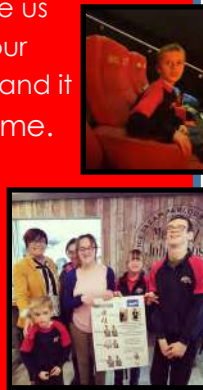
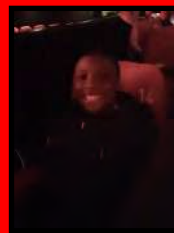
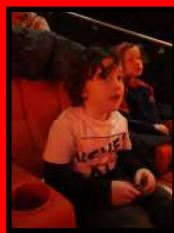
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Cinema

We undertook a trip to the Omniplex Cinema on Monday 9th December to see Frozen 2. All

students had a fantastic time watching the film and enjoying some healthy snacks. We would like to thank Mark Foley and the Sligo staff from the Omniplex cinema group for facilitating our needs and giving everyone the opportunity to attend. We would also like to thank the school bus companies and drivers who gave us free transport to and from the cinema. Your continued support is very much appreciated and it was great to see everyone having a great time.



LÁMH..ING IT!!
A huge thank you to Anita and our LÁMH committee for initiating a joint project with Mammy Johnsons in Strandhill. We were delighted to participate in co-operative teaching and learning of signs to assist students when they visit. What a fantastic community initiative.



A Healthy Christmas.

The ATP recently worked on a joint project with This Ability and Sligo partnership to run a healthy eating cookery demonstration for parents. The aim was to provide parents with ideas about how to cook healthily for students at home, particularly those with allergies or on specialist diets. The evening was held on Tuesday 3rd December and was a great success. A big thank you to Eithna from Eithna's by the Sea restaurant in Mullaghmore for her expertise and knowledge and to Debbie Ford for her work on making this event a success. If there is enough interest we hope to run another session later in the year. Check out the photos on Facebook.

Places, places everybody!! We have been very busy this term learning all about places. We have visited some local beauty spots, local cafes and shops around town. We have also made models of houses and paintings of local attractions. We have started our short course 'Around the World in 80 days'.



Our Christmas play practice is great fun this year, we are really enjoying it. Happy Christmas!!

Outdoor Classroom

Our outdoor classroom work was extremely successful recently. A big thank you to Shane and the students from the Outdoor Education course at GMIT Castlebar for their hard work and enthusiasm. Head over to www.stceciliasschool.ie and our [facebook page StCeciliass](https://www.facebook.com/StCeciliass) to see more student photographs.



Do you know this LÁMH sign?



Issue 2—
December



QR Corner

QR Corner this term is a link to our GymAble initiative in conjunction with Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership and DyNamo Gym Club.

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Léargas— Erasmus + Romania—Our latest etwinning project continued in Romania in September. Janice and Triona visited our friends and we feel that we are all making great progress on our topic of making Europe a healthier place to live. The next visit takes place in Durham in early March, where we will have a final product after 3 years of collaborative practice and development. We are looking forward to seeing what the project has produced.



Expressing our Creativity...In Visual Arts, Yellow Class have been exploring the work of other Artists. We looked at paintings by Jackson Pollock. He made “messy paintings” by throwing, dribbling and splatting colour. We had a go at making expressionist paintings like his. It was great fun.



Sensory learning—We have really been enjoying our Sensory Programme in Orange Class. We love listening to soft music while having our foot spas and experiencing aromatherapy. Afterwards, we love to relax by having a foot and hand massage. We show our enjoyment by smiling, laughing, pointing, signing and vocalising. We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing Christmas.

Mapping the Future—

Throughout the theme of places Pink class have been identifying familiar places using a map of Sligo. We have also used a virtual and interactive map



to practice giving directions using forwards, backwards, turn left and right and even started to use compass directions on a map to help with directions. In addition, we have looked at different places and discussed hazards in these locations and how we can stay safe. This led to us creating a fire drill video for school and what we should do in the event of a fire. We also looked at different locations and what objects you might find in these locations which we made models of in art.

Everyone is a Reader - White class have had a busy half term. This term all students focused on improving their reading skills. Students continued to work on learning our new theme words for the topic 'Places'. Fantastic progress was made and most students are now able to say and/or sign the 8 words home, school, day, night, shop, hospital, car and outside. Students also started a new level in the reading scheme See & Learn whilst also continuing work with colourful semantics and further developing their comprehension skills. Nomandla listened intently to new audio books from Julia Donaldson and also took part in her new literacy based activity 'object exploration'.

Santa's Little Helpers! We have had a very busy few weeks in the run up to Christmas. We went all out in the areas of art and music and made some fabulous decorations to send home with the Red Class gang. We have been doing lots of sensory work this term and like to use trays of various substances as part of our writing activities. We are making steady progress with our Numeracy and our work on the Language Curriculum continues. We'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Shaping our place in the community -We have been very busy in Blue class, learning about different places. We visited Sligo Rovers, Hazelwood Forest and various beaches around Sligo. We have been using music to learn about different rooms in our house. We have also enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes and using them to create pieces of art, and when having fun during messy play.



Going Places! We have been very busy exploring a variety of different places—we have enjoyed going to new places on our community outings and exploring the different parts of houses in Purple. We have worked a lot on learning our shapes and now we are making shapes for our Christmas play. We can't wait for you to see it!

Dramatising the Season...We have been very busy recently practicing our school play. We have worked hard on developing our drama skills, through making props for our Drama Junior Cycle—5.24 and being part of an acting group 5.23. We can't wait to show you our Navy Class performance on December 18th. Merry Christmas everyone.

A place for everyone...

Our Junior cycle level 1 work in Communication, language and literacy has continued well. Black Class have been learning to indicate preferred items and make requests and choices when using community facilities.

We visited Mummy Johnsons in Strandhill where we used our communication devices—iPad, PECS, or vocalisations to make a choice of snack item. I think you can see we all worked very well and enjoyed the final results.



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