



Contact us...

St. Cecilia's School,
Cregg,
Co Sligo,
Ireland.
F91X283



- Principal: Éilís Dillon
- Deputy Principal: Ben Lewis
- Telephone: 0719177907
- Mobile: 0862630465
- E-mail: stceciliasschool.ie
- Twitter: @StCeciliasschool
- Web: www.stceciliasschool.ie
- YouTube: StCeciliasschool
- Instagram: stceciliasschool
- Facebook: StCeciliasschool

Erasmus visit

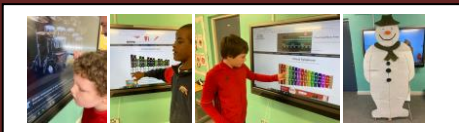
St. Cecilia's welcomed colleagues from Portugal, Latvia and Estonia from 6th - 9th December as part of our new Erasmus + project. The focus of this new project is to share knowledge and expertise in the areas of Alternative Communication methods (AAC) and structured teaching. Our colleagues had the opportunity to job shadow in different classrooms in our school, attend both Project Core and structured teaching workshops, create a LÁMH Christmas video as well as participate in some cultural activities. It was a very busy and exciting 3 days where we got to catch up with old friends and have the opportunity to make new friendships. We look forward to meeting up again in Latvia in April 2023, where our staff will have the opportunity to job shadow and learn from our European colleagues.

A cultural experience in Sligo. Our visitors climbed Knocknarea.



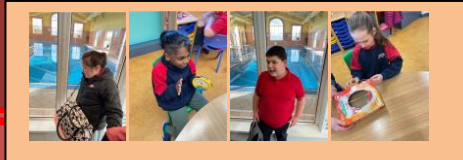
White Christmas!!

In White Class this term we have been experimenting with lots of different musical instruments and sound making equipment. We have used lots of different instruments during some of our group work sessions, and we even used some virtual instruments on the Prowise board. We also listened to animal sounds and linked these to pictures of the animals. A lot of our time has been spent making props and practising for our Christmas show. It has been great fun, we hope you enjoy it!! Happy Christmas to you all, see you in 2023!!



Sound about Swimming

We have enjoyed exploring our theme Sound in Blue Class. We made our own musical instruments, recycling old cardboard boxes and elastic bands. We loved making different types of sound with a variety of instruments. Luckily we had the opportunity to go swimming and we all had a great time, kicking and splashing in the water. Some of us have joined the Green Schools Committee and helped with an idling survey and collected no idling pledges from the parents in our



Dates for the Diaries...

★ School closing on December 21st @ 12:30pm for Christmas.

School opens on Thursday 5th January 2023 for term 2. ★

★ School closed on Monday 6th February for St. Bridget's Day.

School closed on 16th and 17th February for mid term break. ★

★ School closed on 17th March for St. Patrick's Day.

School closing at 12:30pm on Friday 31st March for the end of term 2. ★

THE AMBER FLAG

PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

The Amber Flag committee were delighted to have been awarded our first flag from PIETA HOUSE. We are now working towards renewing our flag in Summer 2023. We will be gathering information about how our last year's goals have had a positive impact on our school and setting new goals for this year. Watch out for information about our Mental Health Awareness Day.

Weather Predictions

We have been learning about the weather, listening and making sounds for music and have been working hard on our project-core predictability charts, listening to numeracy songs and enjoying story time. We have enjoyed the addition of the balls to our ball pool. We have been practising for our Christmas performance in front of the green screen, enjoying Christmas songs and art. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas from everyone in Purple class. Ho Ho Ho!!!



Do you know these LÁMH signs?



QR Corner

Some sensory gift ideas for students this Christmas.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



St. Cecilia's School accepts no responsibility for the content of external websites. No particular company/brand are advocated /recommended-these are for awareness raising only.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

In Gold class Christmas preparations are underway. In art we made a textured Christmas tree using a variety of items, such as fork prints and bows. They turned out beautiful. We are working hard on our Christmas program. We explored sounds of instruments and made a story symphony with "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The food dudes program was an enjoyable experience. We liked trying and making creative snacks with our food dude fruit and vegetables. We also used our fruits and vegetables to help us count. Gymnastics is a highlight during the week, we enjoy a variety of activities, such as balance beams, obstacle courses, and jumping on the trampoline. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.



Snow more...

Green have been

thinking about

winter weather and the joy of snow! We have been making snowmen with the play dough we make. We have been getting ready for a snowball fight by practicing with balls. Our Christmas show is great, we have been working on our songs.

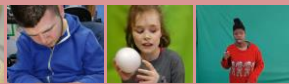
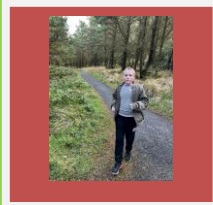
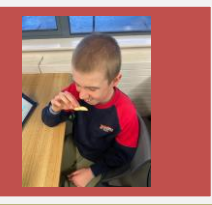


Sounding out December

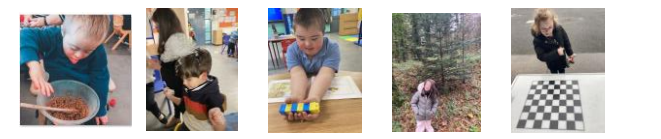
In predictable chart writing Red class have been creating sound in a variety of ways as well as creating loud and quiet sounds. In numeracy we have had a focus on 2D and 3D shapes and matching like objects and pictures. The students have also focused on using the calendar and days of the week and looking at events that occur this time of year.

Christmas in the Community

We have been using local facilities for our Being Part of a Community PLU in Pink Class. We loved visiting the Benbulbin forest walk, going Christmas shopping in Smyths toys and visiting Lidl to shop for ingredients for our Christmas cookery sessions. We have all worked very hard in Personal care and wellbeing in Food Dudes. We have tried oranges, carrot, blueberries, cucumber, peppers, tomatoes and bananas. We all held, smelt and tasted everything. We are now looking forward to our Christmas dinners!

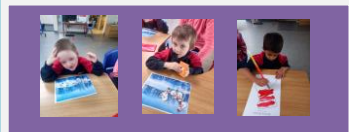


PATTERN AMONG AND AROUND US-In Yellow Class we have been exploring pattern. We went for a walk around Cregg and found out there are lots of patterns around us. Isabelle found the steps and Aidan spotted the new fence. We even found some patterns in our own playground! I wonder if you can guess where Sarah is. We went for a forest walk in Hazelwood and saw some natural patterns.... Aibhe wonders, "could that be a Christmas Tree?" And so, we had a go at making our own patterns... Aidan shows, we nailed it! We have also been exploring texture and sound, learning new words in lots of fun and messy ways. Pablo loved "popping" bubbles from the foot spa and "rustling" in the leaves at Glencar, but Rory is sure "crunching" chocolate Krispies was the Yellow Class favourite!



Silly Season in Silver

We have been busy engaging with communication lessons based on our project core boards and our favourite Christmas stories. We have been using numicon to count 5 little snowmen in maths. We baked some Christmas cookies and have been busy making decorations and doing some festive painting.



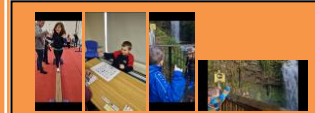
Digital Learning Plan

St. Cecilia's have updated our Digital Learning Plan for 2022. We are looking to develop our planning to incorporate digital learning more, increase our digital learning resources and upskill staff in software programmes such as iMovie.



Sounds around!!!

We have been very focused on exploring sounds in Navy class this term. We have explored musical instruments and really enjoyed making our own shakers from rice and small yogurt containers. We have loved making music and performing while using them. We have been listening to a variety of sounds in the environment both around the school and while out on our community outings and naming things that we can hear. One of our favourite sounds was the sound of the waterfall in Glencar. We have also searched the classroom and enjoyed finding items that can be used to make music or tap a beat. We have been working hard on preparing for our Christmas show and cannot wait for you all to see us put on a great show.



Do you know these LÁMH signs?

The signs for this newsletter are ear and girl.

Remembering Friends

We enjoyed lots of music sessions in Orange class this term exploring sound and practicing stop/go. We enjoyed listening to sensory stories and using props to explore sounds. We organised a very special Memorial Mass in memory of our friends who have passed away in recent years and our friend Jake who was a student in Orange class. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who joined our special celebration.