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Sustainable Travel Award Winners

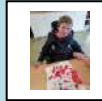
We had a very busy year this year, working on our Green Schools Theme, Global Citizenship Travel. We completed idling surveys of the school buses and sent home idling pledges for parents to sign up for. We up cycled materials such as old jumpers to make new Christmas jumpers, turned old bottles into bird feeders and made new planters out of old school furniture rather than throw them out. Local Gardai came into school to remind us of how it's best to stay safe when walking near roads and when we are travelling in vehicles. We had a great 20k in 10 days challenge which the whole school completed. We walked for water at Hazelwood to promote saving water and Sligo Sports and Recreation supplied us with some extra bikes so we could enjoy bike week, with an ice cream after to cool us down!

As a result of all our hard work, we won the Green Schools Special School Sustainable Travel Award. Members of the Green Schools Committee were invited to Dublin Zoo where we collected our award.



Deepest Sympathies.

Our condolences are expressed for the families of Nicholas and Keeva. Their positivity, smiles, laughs and unique personalities are being missed across the school. "Dance as if no one were watching, sing as if no one were listening and live every day as if it were your last."



Dates for the Diaries...

★ School closing on **Wednesday 28th June at 12:30.**

School based Summer Provision starts on **Monday 3rd July @10am.** ★

★ School based Summer Provision closing on **Friday 28th July.**

2023-2024 academic year starts on **Thursday 31st August** for term 1. ★

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READY, WILLING AND ABLE! - Yellow Class have been preparing for our trip to Castle Adventure Farm. We have been learning about the animals we will see there and how they help us. Sarah, Aibhe and Aidan have been sorting farm animals and jungle animals, while Rory and Pablo have been playing with the farm animal puppets and making animal sounds. We also participated in GYMABLE this term; bouncing, balancing and rolling, growing very confident in using the equipment. We all made huge progress in our motor skills and were each awarded a certificate and medal to celebrate our achievement. Look how proud we are! We'll be using the skills we have learned in PE, just watch us go!



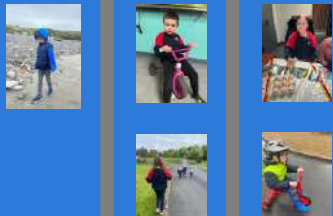
Attention Animals! - We have enjoyed learning about animals this term in Orange class. We have had a variety of sensory stories, sensology lessons and attention autism linked to farm animals, zoo animals and jungle animals. We even plan to visit a local farm in the coming weeks. We also enjoyed a visit from Maia Purposeful play which we really enjoyed different sensory play activities!



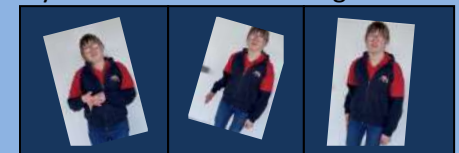
Boccia Champions!- Green Class enjoyed Active Week exploring different ways to exercise. Science Week was fun, especially the experiments with light and making rainbows! Green Class were the St Cecilia's School Champions in the annual Boccia tournament and really enjoyed our lap of honour round the school. We still love baking and making pastry and dough in HE, we are getting better and better! Bike Day was a lot of fun and we had a great time watching Ben and Eilis on a tandem.



Cycling Animals! - We had a busy time in Silver Class. The students really enjoyed the bikes, indoors and outdoors from Sligo Sports and Recreation for bike week. The boys and girls made sure to get lots of steps up for 'active week', walking around Cregg Village. We also loved the game of boccia with Green Class, it was great fun! The students were learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly and animals that live in the jungle. We loved our bus trip to Rosses Point beach and had a great walk with Purple Class and learning about kindness and mindfulness through creative art as part of Amber Flag week.



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QR Corner – Joanne gave a presentation to staff on the benefits of story massage for students in the severe and profound range of disability. Check out the website for more on activities that can be completed at home.



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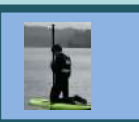
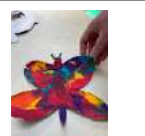
Animal Fun We have been enjoying the animal theme in Gold Class. We are learning about the variety of environments where animals live, the farm, the zoo, and at home. We used our imaginations and made our class into a zoo. We have been reading the books, Dear Zoo, The Very Busy Spider, and Napping House to grow our reading skills. In Numeracy we are learning about the measures, heavy and light. We are learning to classify animals by either being heavy or light. We even made weighing scales to explore objects that are heavy. In Art we have studied a variety of printing designs and we had a great time with Music Generation. Finally, we have been busy exploring environments in our community, the beach and the park.

Creative Crew – We are delighted to be in our Year 1 of Creative Clusters, an initiative funded by the Department of Education. We are part of a project called 'My Sense of the World' with 4 other schools in Sligo. Our focus this year was to give the students tasters of a variety of creative experiences so they can then make informed choices or show preferences. We decided to do a Whole School Creative Arts week and incorporate as many activities as possible. We had visual art with Steve from The Creator Van, sensory play with Shannon from Maia purposeful play, Drumming with Rossa from Kila, a school sing along in The Hawkswell, outdoor music with Tabby and Gavin and sensory stories on Friday. It was a wonderful week and gave us great insights and ideas for new activities that we now know our students enjoy.



Whats' SUP?

3 paddle boarding sessions were undertaken by Pink class during the summer term, We learned to paddle in Hazelwood and Rosses Point and were great at sitting, standing and lying on the boards as they moved through the water. We relaxed and enjoyed the exercise and interaction with nature. We loved learning about different bodies of water for our L1LPs.

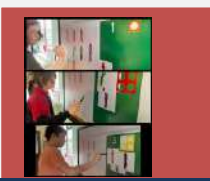


Ba Ba Blue Sheep- We visited a farm and gave lambs some bottles to drink out of. Blue Class chose our favourite animals and listened to different sounds that animals make. We enjoyed experiencing sensory stories about animals and feeling the different textures of animals hair and skin. For PE we had various scavenger hunts, looking for different natural materials. We made lots of great new sounds in our music generation sessions playing a variety of musical instruments.



What Pet Can I Get?

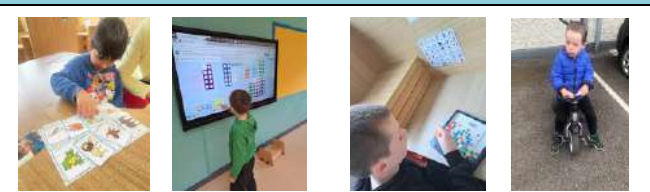
As part of our theme Animals, we have been using animals in our predictable chart writing to identify the farm animals and the pets we like, and the pets we want. In numeracy Red Class have been identifying objects that are the same and different objects they like and not like as well as number. In art we have had a visiting artist who has been using different materials to create sculptures. The other Red Class group have been focusing on the works of various different artists and replicating their ideas. Some of the senior students have been also focusing very hard on finishing up their QQI Level 1 awards in; Personal Care, Reading, Quantity and Number, Writing and Visual Arts.



Model Animals

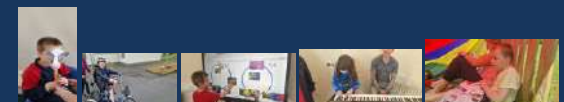
White class have used animal templates to make lots of different animal art. First we covered them in colourful 'magic clay', this dries into a rubbery texture, it was lovely to work with. We also sponge painted onto the templates to make colourful animals, and we put the templates on the ground and sprayed paint onto them to make relief prints, they turned out great!! Along with this we have continued with using timers and measure in real context during our cookery session, we have enjoyed our community outings and attention autism lessons with Red Class. Have a great summer holiday!!

Busy Bees in Purple Class - The boys in Purple Class have been busy bees this term. We have been learning lots about animals this term where we have been looking at farm animals, animals in the jungle and animals under the sea. During science week, we had so much fun trying out different experiments like planting seeds, looking at objects that sink and float and experimenting with magnets. Purple Class had a 'ball' during Active Week where the boys enjoyed Bike Day, walks around Cregg Village and in our local community, the St Cecilia's Boccia World Cup and of course a visit from the ice cream van. YUM!



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The signs for this newsletter are horse and dog



Active antics

We have been enjoying all things active the past couple of weeks in Navy Class. We had great fun during the boccia world cup and loved all the parachute games. Some of us didn't let the rain stop us and gave cycling a go also and we got to enjoy an ice-cream after. We have been working on all things animals and have enjoyed drama games involving animals, identifying animals and their sounds and listening to stories and songs about animals.

Active School Flag

May 15th saw the start of Active School Flag Week in St. Cecilia's. We loved the cycling, walking, jersey day and parachute games as well as Pink class being worthy winners of the boccia world cup. The staff even got in on the action with a staff sports day. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and organisation.

