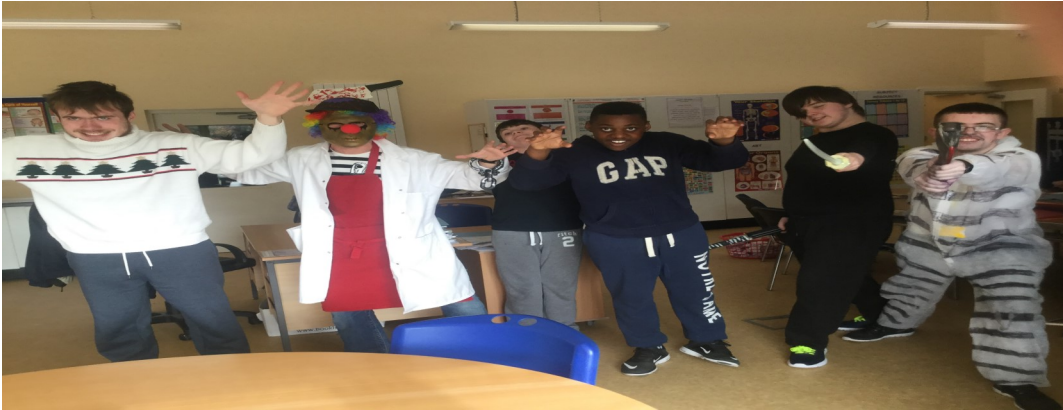




# Gareth Suite Newsletter

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## ‘Stop in for a Spell’ Happy Halloween.

From left-right, Ryan Brown, Mr. Nolan, Sean Fleming, Kingsley Nwaogu, Jack Morgan, Aaron Meade. Missing from the photograph, Colm Redmond Carey.

Welcome to our third Gareth Suite Newsletter. We wish you all, a Happy Halloween.

In September, Mr. Rayfus met with all of our parents to update and inform them of our progress to date. New class plans are now set and we are ready to go.

This Year, we are placing a special learning emphasis on peer relationship building and joint learning activities.

Our Gareth Suite students are experiencing lots of opportunities

working alongside Transition Year students in school and also working alongside Primary level students from (Scoil Cholmcille, Newbrook Rd).

During these activities we hope to enhance an understanding and respect amongst each other while also developing our social interaction and communication skills.

## Project Ally

In September, our students started a school based educational programme to improve links between all students in Grange CC.

This programme is being piloted alongside Ms. Katie Cremin, School of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin,

and will be running into the New Year 2017. Twelve students from Transition Year have been selected to work alongside six students from the Gareth Suite.

During the programme their will be nine educational and three interactive sessions, where

students can share a number of sensory friendly lunch breaks, paired learning activities and group social activities.

Hopefully, Project Ally will become a permanent feature in the Gareth Suite school calendar for all students.

## Special Points of Interest

- Please ask to see my student passport in order to find out more interesting things about me.
- In mainstream class I will have my (CSI) workbook and (My Edit Checklist) with me. In this folder I can keep all of my work together so I can keep track of my work.
- I may need a (Time-Out) break from time to time. I will show you my (Exit Card) if I feel I need to take a break.
- My Trigger word to help me is (JUST RIGHT).

## Gardening and our Polly Tunnel

In September, our students undertook a massive clean up and clean out of the schools Polly Tunnel.

Gardening classes have commenced and every student has had an opportunity to get their hands into compost and plant baby bulbs and flower seeds for themselves.

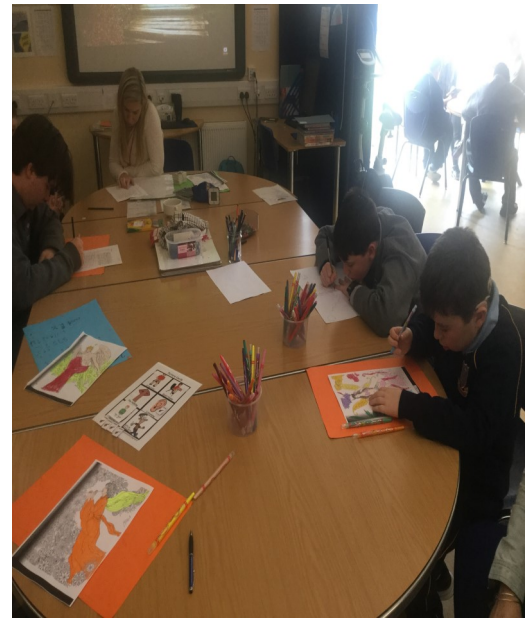
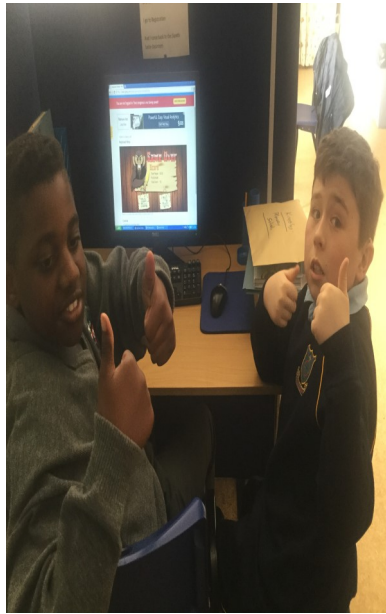
We are having great fun learning about new gardening equipment and working on horticultural activities.

Whenever the opportunity arises students are enjoying checking up on their flowering endeavors and watching their plants grow.



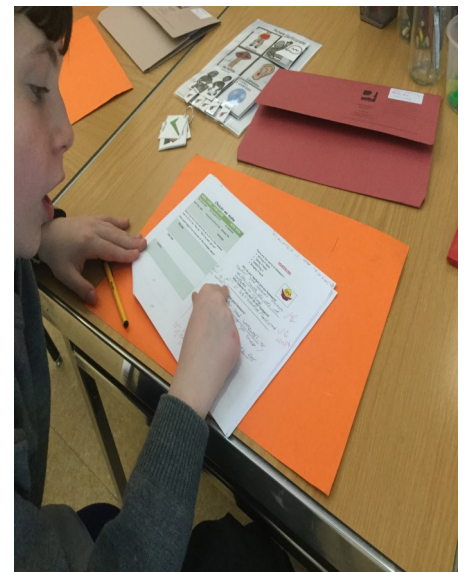
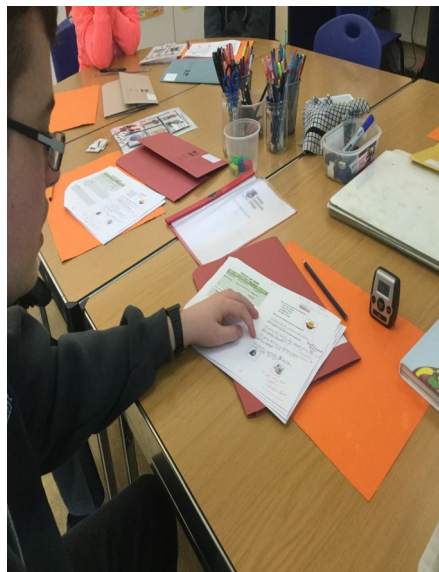
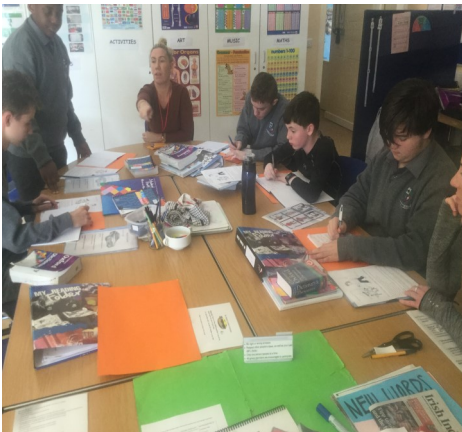
## Joint Learning Experiences

Recently our Gareth Suite students took part in a joint learning experience morning with our neighbouring school students from Scoil Cholmcille, Donaghmede. We all had a wonderful morning in Grange as the hosts. We had a total of fifteen students present and each student took part in paired learning activities. These activities included vocabulary development and meditation Art exercises. To end what was a very enjoyable morning we all engaged in play based activities and games. For a social activity we plan to all meet up again in Coolock and watch a film together.



## Samples of class based learning activities in the Gareth Suite.

Please see a selection of class based learning activities of students working in the Gareth Suite classroom.



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Many thanks to the professional and diligent work of our SNA staff who assist our students on a daily basis, especially Roisin and Laura in the Suite. Many Thanks also to Ryan Brown who returned to us from the National Learning Network in Swords to complete his work experience fortnight with us.

Thanks to our caretaker Kevin and our cleaning staff Mandy and Adrienne who ensure our Suite is clean and fresh each morning and who maintain the Suite's toileting area.

Many thanks to all of our Mainstream teachers who work with our students on a daily basis. Your work is greatly appreciated.

And a special welcome to Mr. O Shea (Woodwork). Mr. O Shea has offered to stage a woodwork class on a Tuesday afternoon for all students present in the Suite.

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