



Cloughduv National School Christmas Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents,

As we approach our Christmas holidays, let us take a look back over all that has happened here in Cloughduv N.S. since Halloween! It sure is a busy place!

Hallowe'en: Pupils had great fun dressing up for Hallowe'en on Friday, 25th October. The Parents' Association organised Hallowe'en games in the hall. Prizes were awarded for the colouring competition, as well as best costumes in each class.



P/T Meetings: Parent Teacher Meetings took place on November 21st and 28th.

Thanks to all the parents who attended the meetings. The teachers thought these were very successful as it gave us a chance to touch base.

Diocesan Inspection: Ann Marie Barry, the Diocesan Religious advisor spent the morning in Cloughduv N.S. on 13th November visiting all classes. She was very impressed with the religious education that the children receive in this school and she sent a card to thank staff for their work in this area.

Gaelic Football Final: Well done to our football team who had a good campaign this year and reached the final in Páirc Uí Rinn on 7th November. We are very proud of their efforts. Special thanks to Mr. McElroy and Mr. O' Callaghan for their hard work in preparing the team. Beidh lá eile againn!!



Vex Robotics Fundraiser: Congratulations to Seán who guessed how many sweets were in the jar!!



The Vex Robotic Team very successfully raised €215 which they put towards buying an arena to operate their robot on.



Wellbeing Wednesday: To promote Wellbeing Wednesday the children will not receive any written homework on Wednesdays, starting after Christmas. They will continue to have oral work such as reading, phonics, spellings and tables.

We encourage families to spend time together chatting, playing board games or enjoying activities outdoors!!!



Vex Robotic Update:

The building team have completed the robot and have now handed it over to the programming team to complete the next phase of the design.



Wellbeing: Many thanks to all the parents and children who took the time to fill in the Wellbeing questionnaires.

Guitar Quartet:

On 21st November, the children were treated to a guitar quartet performance in the Halla where they were exposed to many genres of music such as Latin, Classical, Baroque, Jazz, Country and Reggae.



Garda Visit: On 22th November, Garda James visited the Junior & Senior Infants and talked to them about the importance of wearing their safety belts properly.



On Tuesday, 3rd December 2nd Class had the opportunity to sing at Cork Airport to get all the travellers in the festive spirit.



Assembly: Congratulations to Katie and Mike who won books in the *Sherkin Island* art competition for their wonderful pictures.



The Wellbeing Team were delighted to present Chelsey, Nathan, Lauren, Aoibhe, Robyn, Lena, Adam, Colm, Darragh and Kate with Kindness Cert.



This month Anne Marie, Callum, Annie, Rory were choose to have their work displayed on the WOW Wall. Well done !!!!!

Green Schools Update: Ms. Barry and the Green Schools Team ran an art competition. They encouraged the children to make a Christmas decoration for our school Christmas tree out of recyclable material.



Christmas Concert: On Thursday 12th December we had two marvellous concerts.

At the 2pm concert the Junior & Senior Infants performed "Whoops A Daisy Angel" and 1st & 2nd Class staged "Chicken Licken" with a twist.

The 2nd Class Tin Whistle group played "Hot Cross Buns" and "Twinkle Twinkle".

Our 2nd Class choir sang a beautiful selection of Christmas songs.

Finally, all children sang "Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is Coming to Town and We wish you a Merry Christmas".



7pm Concert: That night 3rd Class performed "Jack in the Beanstalk", Mr. O' Callaghan's class did "The Miracle Child" and Ms. Barry's room treated us to "Cinderella".

We had beautiful performances from the 3rd & 4th Class tin whistle group and Ms. Linehan's senior choir.

A great night was had by all with lots a raffle prizes given out as well.





Parents Association: Our Parents Association have been very busy these past few months. The following is a list of some of the events and activities they were involved in: Parents Association AGM, Clothes collection, Halloween fun and games, School calendars for 2020 and a Christmas raffle. And we have heard that they have a special surprise in store for us on Friday, 20th December! A huge thank you to, Shirley, Lorraine and Evelyn for all their hard work.

Rugby: Mr. O' Callaghan's class have enjoyed rugby with Mark this term. After the Christmas holidays Ms. Barry's room will have the opportunity to develop their rugby skills.

Upcoming events: The Vex Robotic team will be competing with their robot on 14th January.

The school will be closed on 15th January to allow for teacher training on the New Language Curriculum.

Glow: On Friday, 13th December the school choir had a wonderful opportunity to sing at the GLOW festival in Cork. A great morning was had by all.



Drama: In the next term, the children in each class will have drama lessons for ten weeks. Details will be forwarded after the holidays.

Reopening: Our school is reopening after the Christmas break on Monday, 6th January 2020.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

Is mise le meas,

Sylvia Linehan (Principal)

