

# Christmas is here...

As we approach the holidays, let's take a look back at all that has happened since 31st August in C.N.S.

**New Infants** - On the 31st August we were delighted to welcome our New Junior Infants - Amy, Eve, Ethan, Conall, Caoimhe, Tommy, Darragh, Saoirse, James, Daithí, Roisin, Grace, Kayla, Conor, Jack, Hugh, Zara, Malachy, Ella, Kaycieanna and Eve to join us in Cloughdub N.S.

**Confirmation** - Congratulations to the 5th & 6th Class of 2019/20 who made their confirmation on Thursday, 16th September.

**Communion** - The boys and girls in 3rd Class made their Communion on Saturday, 16th October in a beautiful ceremony.



### Ms. Breen's departure -

On the 30th September, we bid farewell to Ms. Breen after 19 years in C.N.S. as she returned to her native Kingdom to take up her new role as Principal of Tiernaboul N.S. We wish her the very best in the next chapter of her career. Ms. Breen had a wonderful send off. All classes gathered in the yard and she was presented with a selection of gifts from the pupils and staff.



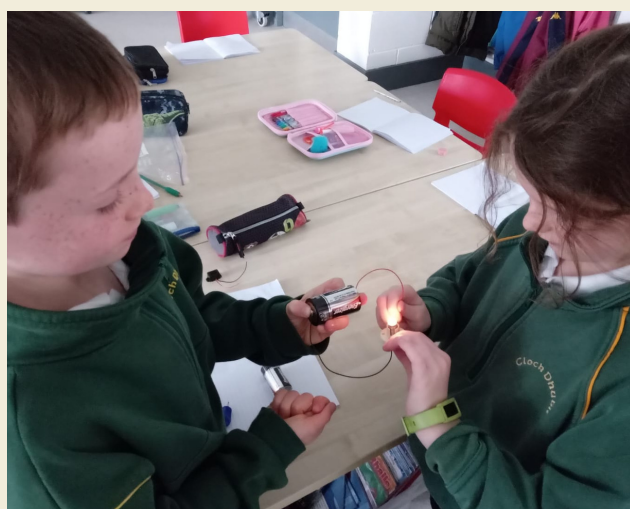
**Halloween** - Pupils had great fun dressing up for Halloween on Friday, 22nd October. The Student Council had a disco set up in the yard and all classes got a chance to parade and display their wonderful costumes. The Student Council worked very hard on preparing dance routines for all to enjoy with the help of Tara. Great fun was had by all.



**New Staff** - We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms. Luttrell and Tara O'Connor. Ms. Luttrell is currently teaching 3rd & 4th Class and Tara our new SNA is job sharing with Michelle Looney.



**Science Week** - The school was a hive of activity as all classes investigated and carried out experiments in all of the different science strand areas. Congratulations to Aoibhe, Matt, Dylan, Daniel, Lena, Molly, Jack, Eve and Ava who won prizes in the Science Week colouring competition.



### Parent's Association -

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Parents Association. We would like to thank them for organising Halloween treats for all the children in conjunction with Cuddihy's shop. They also organised and put up a Christmas tree outside the school. Thanks also to Sweet Magnolia for the donation of the tree. And of course, they have organised a special visitor for the day of the holidays. We also look forward to working with Sarah, Denis, Rodger and Cian to develop our outdoor play space this year. The Parent's Association recently purchased a selection of outdoor games for the children to play with at breaktime.

**Green School's Update** - Ms. O' Riordan, Jack, Aoife, Áine & Matt who are on the Green School Committee are doing tremendous work around the school rejuvenating environmental awareness. They made videos to teach the children what items to put in each bin. Bin checks are regularly carried out in each classroom with rewards given to classes for doing well. They held an upcycling Christmas decoration competition. There were many wonderful entries with 1 winner from each room.

**Plastic Free for Kids** - As part of the Green School, we are partaking in a project called Plastic Free for Kids. Our aim is to reduce the single use plastic in our schools. How? There are 2 targets.

1. By using reusable water bottles - as many already do.
2. We also want to stop using single use plastic and tin foil in lunches. We want to encourage the use of lunch boxes alone or reusable wrappers.

More information can be found through this link

<https://changebydegrees.com/community/plastic-free-4-kids>



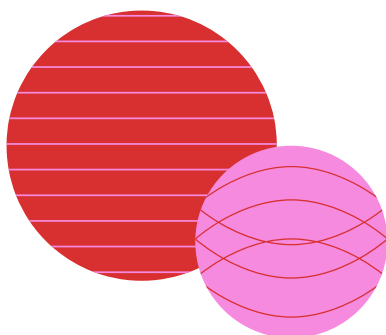
**Drama** - All classes have enjoyed drama with Tara, one of our SNA's this term. Each class put together a Christmas digital performance which has been sent to parents on Seesaw.

**Kindness Challenge** - In the lead up to Christmas we set ourselves a daily 'Kindness Challenge'. Each day a new bauble with the day's challenge was added to the Kindness Christmas Tree.

Each week two children from each room were chosen for their random acts of kindness and received certificates.

**Facebook** - Have you checked out our new Facebook page yet? Like Cloughduv National School and keep up to date with all that is happening in school.

**Student Council** - Congratulations to the newly appointed student council for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Our new Student Council members are Daniel, Eithne, Darragh and Kate.



**GMC Beats** - On Tuesday, 14th December 5th & 6th Class enjoyed a fantastic song writing workshop with the well known rapper GMC.

**Panto - He's behind you!  
Oh no he's not!**

This year the children in all class enjoyed the online panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk' performed by The Midlands Theatre Company.

**Reopening** - Our school is reopening after the Christmas break on Thursday, 6th January 2022.

I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for your support to our school during this covid period. It is great to report that we have not had any case of Covid in the past 2 months in our school. This is due to the proactiveness & open communication between home and school. For this we are extremely grateful.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022. Stay safe during the holidays!  
Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir.

Is mise le meas,

Sylvia Linehan (Principal)



**Hurling Training** - A big thank you to Cloughduv GAA for sponsoring training sessions with Paddy Corkery on Monday's over the last number of weeks. The children really enjoyed the sessions.

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*Wishing you  
all a very  
Happy  
Christmas.*

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