

Cloughdub N.S. Newsletter

October 2019



Dear Parents,

Hope you are well settled back into the routine of school! We have had a very busy two months with lots of learning, lots of events and fun! Here are some of the main highlights!

Junior Infants: A very special welcome to our new pupils who joined us this year - Christopher, Lily, Caoimhe, Daniel, Sonny, Conor, Gearóid, MJ, Zoe, Anne-Marie, Lena and Zach.



New Teachers: A very big welcome to Ms. Dennehy, Mr. O' Callaghan, Ms. O' Riordan & Ms. Barry.

Gymnastics: All classes have learned different types of jumps, tumblers, cartwheels and hand stands at gymnastics over the last 7 weeks with Chloe from Acro Gymnastics, Ballincollig.



Sports Training: Training is up and running in three different sports with different class groups across the school.

Senior Infants to 2nd have hurling training with a coach from Cloughdub GAA.

3rd - 6th are enjoying football sessions with members of the Kilmurry GAA Club.

Mark, a New Zealand rugby coach has started training with 2nd & 3rd class. He will continue with the senior classes after mid-term.

Athletics: Well done to all the Cloughduv athletes who represented the school so well in Macroom on the 8th October at the cross country athletics event. All children ran superbly well and we are so proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to the children who won medals in their events: Sam, Rory, Pedro, Nathan, Ethan, Mike, Áine, Ciara, Laura and Annie.



Gaelic Football: Well done to our football team who have had a wonderful campaign this year and are through to the final against Firmount N.S. in Páirc Uí Rinn on Thursday, 7th November.

Special thanks to Mr. Mc Elroy and Mr. O' Callaghan for their hard work in preparing the team.



European Sports Day: On Friday 27th September the pupils challenged the teachers in an obstacle course designed by Mr. O' Callaghan's class. 6 pupils from each classroom took on 6 teachers. The teachers failed miserably and the end result was 6-0 to the children. Great fun was had by all.



Parent Teacher Meetings: School will close at 2pm on Thursday, 21st November and Thursday, 28th November to facilitate parent teacher meetings. If parents have a preference for one of these dates, please e-mail Kathleen at cloughduvnationalschool@gmail.com by Friday 25th October.

At other times during the year, meetings with teachers must be scheduled. Teachers are more than willing to meet with parents, but are not available for incidental meetings without prior appointment. We would ask you to respect this. If you require an appointment with the teacher, please send a note in your child's journal or contact Kathleen in the office.

National Tree Day, Ryecourt: On Wednesday, 9th October, all classes enjoyed a nature walk in Ryecourt to mark National Tree Day. We saw lots of trees, identified their leaves and most importantly collected plenty of conkers and had lots of fun!



Morning Drop Off: The school gate is opened daily at 9.05. Please don't leave your child unattended prior to this time.

We also ask that parents do not park in the wheelchair parking space.

As parking space are limited, we encourage you to "drop and go" in the mornings.

School Self Evaluation: Our focus this year across the school is Wellbeing.

School Assembly: On the last Thursday of each month, a whole school assembly takes place. All birthdays for the month are marked as well as celebrating any successes among the children. Children are also given an opportunity to perform for their peers. Each class learns a chosen traditional Irish song during the preceding month and it is performed at assembly.



The Health Promoting team give out certificates for random acts of kindness in all classes and the Green Schools committee give regular updates.

VEX - Robotics: 5th Class, with the assistance of Mr. O' Callaghan are having fun designing, building and programming a robot which they will compete with in a competition organised by Dell.

Staff Meeting: Children will go home on Friday, 15th November at 12 O' Clock to facilitate a staff meeting.

Parents Association: The AGM of the Parents Association was held on Wednesday, 9th October. It was well attended and good points were raised & discussed. Thanks to all who attended.

This year the Parents Association are fundraising towards a new school garden and outdoor games.

For Halloween, the parents have a colouring competition, a best costume competition and lots of arts and crafts activities planned. A contribution of €2 per child, with a maximum of €5 per family would be appreciated.

There will be a clothes collection after the mid-term break. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

Aistear: The Infants are very busy at the moment exploring the theme of Halloween.

They have been making potions, building haunted houses, playing trick or treat, painting pumpkins and sorting eyeballs!!



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Halloween: All children may wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday, 25th October. The Parents Association have fun activities organised for the children.

School Choir: Every Friday, there is a beautiful sound coming from the Halla at 1.15 as the choir come together, under the guidance of Ms. Linehan to rehearse.

Website & Blog: Our school website and blog are regularly updated with news, articles and photos. Check them out regularly at <http://cloughduvns.edublogs.org>

Finally, I wish every pupil, teacher and parent a lovely, relaxing and fun filled Halloween break.



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Sylvia Linehan (Principal)