

Clooney National School



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15th of March 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to bring the following items to your attention.

First Confession



Well done to the boys and girls who made their First Confession with Fr. Tom Ryan on Wednesday, 6th of March in Clooney Church. They have been working very hard throughout the year in preparation for their First Holy Communion which will take place when we return after the Easter Holidays at the end of April.

Confirmation



Congratulations to Sophie Harrison, Doireann Mc Mahon, Penny O'Reilly, Ailish Perill and Clodagh Quinlan who were confirmed by Fr. Tom Ryan in Clooney Church on Saturday, 9th of March. We are very proud of our five girls who spoke and sang beautifully on their Confirmation Day. Many thanks to our altar server Aidan Glynn and all the members of our fantastic school choir who sang for the ceremony. Their voices added so much to the celebration. Finally, we are extremely grateful and thankful to Mary Corbett in leading the school choir.

Pizza Party



On Thursday, 21st of March we will have a Pizza Party in celebration of the boys and girls reaching their AR Targets and to thank our choir members for singing at the Confirmation.

FAI Primary 5's Soccer



On Monday, 11th of March the boys and girls from 5th & 6th class had a great day at the FAI Primary 5s East Clare Region Small Schools Section A Qualifiers held at Tulla United AFC. We had a girls team and a boys team participating. Schools from all over East Clare participated in the event. (Bodyke, Broadford, Feakle, Flagmount, Kilkishen, Raheen Woods and Tuamgraney). It came down to the wire with penalties and extra time for the girls in their final against Feakle. Unfortunately, the girls narrowly lost in the end. Well done to all the boys and girls who put in some sensational performances!

Student Council Elections - Visit by Mayor of Clare



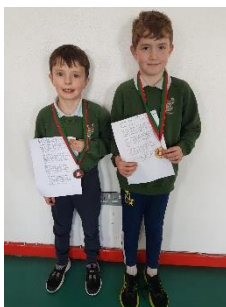
As part of the establishment of a Student Council in the school the boys and girls have been learning about the democratic system of voting used in Ireland, from local council level to the national level of the Oireachtas. On Tuesday, 12th of March we were delighted to welcome Cllr. Joe Cooney as Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council to answer questions from pupils in 1st to 6th class had about his job as an elected representative. On Thursday, 14th of March candidates for this year's student council made speeches to their fellow classmates urging them to vote for them. All the teachers and staff were extremely impressed with the extremely high standard of speeches made. Lots of wonderful ideas put forward. Voting took place in the halla this afternoon. The ballot box will be opened next Tuesday for the counting of votes. Watch this space for the announcement of our successful candidates.

STEPS Engineering Competition



Over the past few months Ms. Lynch's classroom have been working hard on their entries to this year's STEPS Young Engineers Award. On Thursday, 14th of March we welcomed David Purcell, Chair of Engineers Ireland's Thomond Region. David works as an engineer in Lufthansa Technik Turbine Shannon. The boys and girls presented their projects and prototypes to their classmates and David. Lots of innovative and creative ideas were presented as solutions to problems in our community. Projects included *The Grab Crab*, *Robo-Crake*, *Tree Trouble* and *The Clean Machine*. We are delighted to announce that *The Grab Crab* and *Robo-Crake* projects have been shortlisted in the top 30 out of over 700 projects submitted nationally. The overall finalists will announced in the coming weeks. Best of luck!

Quin/Clooney Community Games – Swimming & Handwriting



Congratulations to Davin, Lucas, Kate, Hannah, Dara, Rachel, Sophie and Clodagh who were medalists in the Quin/Clooney Swimming Community Games Competition. Congratulations are in order again to Lucas (1st place) and Diarmuid (3rd place) for winning medals in the U10 boys Handwriting Competition. Well done all!

Lá Glas & St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday Closure



There was plenty of green to be seen in Clooney today. We started the morning with a parade with the boys and girls from the preschool. Everyone marched proudly around the school. Then we had the announcement of the winner of the seanfhocail poster competition in Ms. Lynch's room. Comhghairdeas, Heather! Finally, we ended the afternoon with a Tráth na gCeist in Ms. Minogue's room with mixed teams from 2nd- 6th class. We will be closed on Monday, 18th of March as it is a Bank Holiday. We will re-open again on Tuesday, 19th of March. *Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh Go Léir!*

Daffodil Day



This year as Daffodil Day falls on the day of the Easter Holidays (Friday, 22nd of March) fresh daffodils will be available for purchase in the school from next Weds 20th of March. Over the years the school community of Clooney NS have been hugely supportive of Daffodil Day and we thank you for your continued support of such a vital charity.

Clare Sports Partnership Indoor Athletics Competition



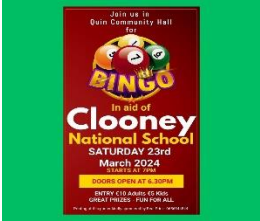
The boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class are partaking in Indoor Athletics in Corofin hall on Wednesday the 20th March at 10am. They will travel via bus. **The bus will depart from the school at 9am sharp.** Pupils are asked to wear comfortable sportswear (runners, shorts, tracksuit and Clooney/Clare jersey) and bring a packed lunch with them.

End of Term 2



We will close for the Easter holidays on Friday, 22nd of March at 12 noon. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable break. We have an action-packed term 3 ahead of us when we re-open on Monday, 8th of April at 9am.

Parents Association – Bingo Night



Many thanks to all the parents who are working hard in organising and sourcing prizes for the upcoming BINGO night in aid of the school. The PA has requested that any BINGO ticket sales and or unsold tickets are returned to the school by Thursday, 21st of March. There are some amazing prizes to be won on the night including vouchers for the Market Bar, The Grove, The Abbey Tavern, Dromoland Castle and cinema passes. There is a smart watch and lots of amazing hampers to be won too! Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to a great night in Quin Community Hall on Saturday, 23rd of March.

INTO Camogie Mini 7's



On Tuesday, 9th of April the girls from 3rd – 6th class will travel to Tulla to participate in a camogie blitz. The girls will travel by car.

School Tours



This year all classes will be going on their school tour on Friday, 14th of June. Junior Infants – First Class will be travelling to Bunratty Folk Park Circus and Mc Donalds, Shannon. While 2nd – 6th Class will be travelling to Emerald Park, Co. Meath. Further details including departure times and cost of the tour will be sent next week with a payment notification via Aladdin.

Dates for your diary:

- **St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday:** School closed on Mon, 18th of March 2024.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closed for the Easter break from 12 noon on Fri, 22nd of March to Sun, 7th of April 2024.
- **Parent Association Bingo Night:** Bingo Night in aid of the school will take place in Quin Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets will be available from the school shortly. Lots of wonderful prizes to be won. Raffle on the night.
- **Term 3 begins:** School reopens on Mon, 8th of April 2024.
- **Camogie Mini 7's Competition** – The girls from 3rd – 6th class will travel to Tulla to participate in a camogie blitz.
- **Holy Communion:** Sat, 27th of April at 11am in Clooney Church.
- **School Tours:** All classes will go on their school tours on Fri, 14th of June.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email clooneyns@gmail.com or by phone (065 6835806) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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