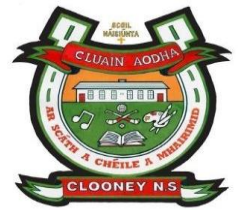


Clooney National School

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3rd of February 2022

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

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

ICT Upgrade

In recent weeks two new 75-inch touchscreen interactive screens have been installed in Ms. Lynch and Ms. Minogue's classrooms. The internal Wi-Fi network has been upgraded with the installation of 5 new access points ensuring Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the school building. In the coming year the school's internet capability will be upgraded to high-speed fibre broadband under the National Broadband Scheme.

After School Club

We are once again looking at the possibility of opening an After School Club in the school. This is in the **very early stages** and would be very dependent on expressions of interest. Please complete the slip that was sent home during the week and return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Wires, Strings and Other Things

Ms. Lynch's class will travel to Glór on Friday the 11th of February to see a music performance by The Ark and Music Network called "Wires, Strings and Other Things".

Fáilte

We are delighted to welcome Erika Harrison who has joined our junior infant class with Mrs. Gleeson. We hope that she will be very happy with us here in Clooney N.S. Our enrolment currently stands at 65 pupils. Enrolment forms for September 2022 are available from Pauline in the office.

Green Schools- The Big Travel Challenge

As part of the school's drive for our fifth Green Flag, this February we will be participating in The Big Travel Challenge. Between the 9th and 28th of February pupils are encouraged to cycle to school. Hopefully the weather will stay kind to us for the challenge. It is our hope to increase the numbers of children using sustainable modes of transport to travel to school. At the end of the challenge all pupils who participate will receive an award.

Absences

Following any pupil absence from school please inform the school by email or in your child's diary of the dates and reason for the absence (Illness/Urgent Family Reason/Holiday/Other) so that we may record it on our online roll system. All children returning to school after an absence must have a completed Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form. This can be filled in online at the following link: <https://forms.gle/wFkBEQ8rLtedSwbV6>

Laura Lynn Fundraiser

Huge congratulations to Amy Broderick in 3rd class who recently raised just over €1,000 for Laura Lynn by cutting her beautiful hair. We are all so proud of Amy and her wonderful charitable efforts!

Harty Cup Final

Wishing past pupil Darragh Keogh and his fellow St. Joseph's teammates the very best of luck in the Harty Cup Final against Ardscoil Rís on Saturday in the Gaelic Grounds.

Stay Safe

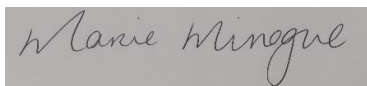
After Mid-Term break all classes will be engaging with the mandatory Stay Safe lessons. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. Additional information for parents can be found at <https://www.pdst.ie/StaySafeParents> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

- **Service of Light** for our Confirmation class – Saturday, 12th of February at 7pm in Clooney Church.
- **Mid Term Break** – The school will be closed 24th & 25th of February. We will re-open again on Monday 28th of February.
- **Confirmation** celebrated by Bishop Fintan – Saturday, 12th of March at 11am in Clooney Church.
- **St. Patrick's Day** – The school will be closed on the 17th & 18th of March. We will re-open again on Monday 21st of March.
- **First Holy Communion** – Saturday, 14th of May at 11 am in Clooney Church.

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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Marie Minogue