

Clooney National School



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4th of May 2023

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

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

Easter Egg Hunts

The wet weather on the last day of term 2 didn't slow down the boys and girls as they dashed about the school yard in the hunt for some Easter Treats. Huge thanks to Pauline for her expert hiding of the treats!



Seashore Safari

On Tuesday, 18th of April the boys and girls of 5th and 6th class travelled to Lahinch to explore the rockpools. Claire from the Explorers Education Programme worked with the pupils as they went on the hunt for crabs among the rocks. They even managed to create some beautiful collages on the beach before the tide came in. Check out the video on Twitter or Facebook.

Primary Game Stars



Dan Brohan and Anna Whelan proudly wore their county colours in the TUS Gaelic Grounds over the past two weekends. Firstly, Dan represented the school on the Clare Primary Game Football Team at half time during the Clare v Limerick Munster Championship Senior Football Semi Final on April 22nd. While Anna represented the school on the Clare Primary Game Camogie Team at half time during the Clare v Limerick Munster Championship Senior Hurling Round 2 game. Well done!



Saffron and Blue Day

We are backing the Banner in Clooney this Friday, May 5th with a Saffron and Blue Day ahead of the Senior Munster Football Final. All children are encouraged to wear the Clare colours to school on Friday. Up the Banner! 🟡 🟦



6th Class – Class of 2023 Half Zips

The school Board of Management have presented the pupils of 6th class 2023 with a graduation half zip which has become part of their school uniform for their final term here in Clooney. We are very proud of our 6th class pupils and we hope that their last few weeks with us here in Clooney are both enjoyable and memorable.

FAI Primary School 5s Competition

On Monday, 24th of May the boys and girls of 5th & 6th class travelled to Lees Road to participate in and support our soccer team in the Small Schools County Finals Day. The boys drew their first match with Doonbeg but were defeated by a strong Crusheen team in their second match. All players can be very proud of their efforts and we look forward to competing in the competition again next year. Many thanks to Ms. Eilís Whitney for all her work with the team. Well done to all involved!



Cumann na mBunscol – Hurling & Camogie

This year both our hurling and camogie teams are competing in Division 6 of Cumann na mBunscol. On Tuesday, the boys team were out first with a blitz in Caherlohan where they played teams from Feakle, Bridgetown and Meelick. Following two wins and a draw the hurlers topped their group and now progress to the semi-finals. Today, Thursday the 4th of May the girls team played Corofin, Connolly and Scoil Realt na Mara/Kilbaha in Kilmaley. The girls won all their matches, topping their group and also now progress to the semi-finals. Many thanks to Ms. Lynch and Pauline for all the time and dedication they have taken over the last few weeks at lunch time to prepare our teams. C'mon Clooney!



Standardised Tests

Standardised tests in literacy and numeracy will be carried out with pupils from 2nd to 6th classes in the coming weeks. These tests are not intelligence tests, and their objective is to help a teacher identify strengths and weaknesses in individual pupils and to offer some guidance to parents. Standardised tests are only one of several ways that we monitor and measure a child's progress. It is up to you, as a parent to decide if you wish to discuss the exact result with your child which will be reported in the End of Year reports sent home in mid-June. The school would strongly advise that you only discuss results in general terms with pupils. Pupils are not advised to discuss results with other pupils at school.



Litter Pick Up

Weather permitting the whole school will do a litter pick up in the local community on Wednesday, 10th of May. We will also be weeding and working on our vegetable plots on Wednesday.



Primary Language School Closure

- The school will be closed on Friday, 26th of May as the teaching staff will be engaging in professional development with a PDST advisor in the area of the Primary Language Curriculum as directed by the Dept. of Education.



Ceremony of Light

Fr. Tom Ryan will celebrate a Ceremony of Light in Clooney Church for all confirmation candidates on Saturday the 20th of May at 7pm. We would ask that all families do their best to attend. All confirmation candidates will need their baptismal candle for the ceremony.



First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 13th of May, Aidan, Áine, Dáithí, Hannah and Kate will make their First Communion in Clooney Church. All communicants and choir singers are asked to be at the Church for 10.45am with the ceremony beginning at 11am. Wishing all the boys and girls a wonderful day of celebrations with their family and friends.



Confirmation

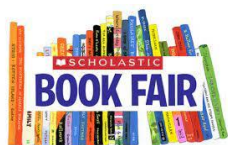
On Thursday, 25th of May we will have Confirmation in Clooney Church with Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom. The school will remain closed on Thursday, 25th of May as teachers will be attending the ceremony in the morning and engaging in professional development afterwards in the area of the new Primary Curriculum Framework. Pupils in the junior classes and those not singing in the choir are cordially invited to attend the ceremony with their parents/guardians if they wish.

All candidates for Confirmation and choir singers are asked to be at the Church for 10.45am with the ceremony beginning at 11 am.



School Tours – 1st of June 2023

- ✓ Junior Infants – Second Class, Stonehall Wildlife Park, Limerick and McDonald's. The bus travelling to Stonehall will leave the school at 9am and return at 2.30pm approx.
- ✓ 3rd –6th Class, Burren Outdoor Education and Training Centre. Pupils travelling to the Burren are asked to meet in the Church carpark at 8.15 am. We will return to the Church carpark at 5.30pm approx. The tours can be paid for instalments via Aladdin.



Book Fair

The Scholastic School Book Fair will visit the school from Wednesday, 7th of June to Thursday, 15th of June. Pupils will visit the Book Fair with their class to browse books that they may wish to purchase. More details to follow.

Dates for your diary:

- **Saffron and Blue Day:** Friday, 5th of May
- **First Holy Communion:** Saturday, 13th of May in Clooney Church at 11am
- **Ceremony of Light:** Confirmation Candidates, Saturday, 20th of May in Clooney Church at 7pm
- **Confirmation:** Thursday, 25th of May in Clooney Church at 11am.
- **Language Day Closure:** Friday, 26th of May
- **June Bank Holiday:** Monday, 5th of June
- **School Closure:** Friday, 9th of June
- **RSE Talk:** 6th class, Thursday, 16th of June
- **Sports Day:** Provisional Date - Thursday, 22nd of June – Weather dependent
- **Fair Day Closure:** Friday, 23rd of June
- **Graduation:** 6th class, Tuesday, 27th of June (provisional date)
- **Summer Holidays:** Wednesday, 28th of June at 12 noon

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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