

Clooney National School



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Good afternoon,

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

Walk to School

Huge thanks to all who supported our Walk to School on the 21st of September. It was a wonderful chance for the boys and girls to have a chat and enjoy each other's company on the way to school.

Maths Eyes

We will be celebrating Maths Week again this year with our Maths Eyes competition. The entries received last year were excellent and I have no doubt that we will have even better entries this year! Keep those maths eyes peeled! Last year's entries are currently on display in the school corridor for inspiration. All classes will be participating in the competition. The competition will be further explained to all pupils in class by their teacher. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are kindly asked to email their child(ren)s entries to mathsweekclooney@gmail.com by Thursday the 20th of October. Winners will be announced on Friday the 28th of October. Please insert your child(s) name, class and question/caption in the subject bar.

Absence Notes

If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for you to provide the following information in writing, to the class teacher, the date(s) in which your child was absent and the reason for his/her absence. Thank you.

Parents Association AGM

The AGM of the Parents Association (PA) will take place in the school hall on Wednesday the October 12th at 7.30 pm. The school is extremely grateful to the supporting role the PA plays in fundraising for activities and initiatives to be run in the school. The PA are currently funding our 10-week Music Generation programme which all the boys and girls are thoroughly enjoying. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend the AGM and help out where they can in supporting the PA and their fundraising efforts.

East Clare Schools Cross Country

Well done to all the boys and girls who proudly represented our school in Lees Road today. We are all thrilled with each one of their fantastic performances. Congratulations to Kate Quinlan who came 2nd in the girls u8 race, Dara Brohan who came 1st in the u10 boys race and Cillian Considine who came 8th in the u10 boys race. Photographs of the event will be uploaded to Twitter and Facebook soon.

Peace Proms

In the coming weeks, the boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class will begin practice for their participation in this year's Peace Proms concert in University of Limerick Concert Hall on the 28th of January 2023. We are delighted to have been allocated a place in this exciting programme. Permission slips were sent home with pupils yesterday evening, Wednesday the 5th of October. Please return permission slips to the office tomorrow morning the 7th of October 2022. Thank you.

School Inspection – Mathematics

We have been notified by the Dept. of Education and Skills that a curriculum evaluation of Mathematics will be carried out by a district inspector on the Tuesday the 14th and Wednesday the 15th of October. The inspector will meet with school staff and observe the teaching and learning of mathematic lessons in the school. During the evaluation the inspector will conduct a short focus-group discussion with pupils. Consent forms for pupils participating in the focus-group discussion will be distributed by the inspector on Tuesday.

Christmas Cards

In the coming days, the pupils will be designing and making their own personalised Christmas cards. We would ask that parent(s)/guardian(s) help their children with ideas for a Christmas card and practice at home. We will practice in school also and they will complete the finished product in school. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will then have the opportunity to order their child's/children's personalised cards a few weeks before Christmas.

Team Hope – Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Pupils are invited to make up a Christmas shoebox for children less fortunate than themselves (Leaflets will be sent home on Monday). All shoeboxes can be left to the school before Monday, 7th of November.

Trick or Treat for Temple Street

All pupils may dress up in costumes on Friday 28th of October, in exchange for a small donation (1 or 2 euro per pupil) to Temple Street Children's Hospital. We hope that all pupils will participate in this fundraising initiative for such a worthy and important cause.

Key Dates

Maths Eyes Competition: Closing date for entries Thursday, 20th of October.

Mid Term: The school will close on Friday, 28th of October at 3pm and re-open on Monday, 7th of November.

Peace Proms Concert: The concert will take place on Saturday, 28th of January 2023 at 2pm in University of Limerick. Details will follow closer to the time.

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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