

Clooney National School



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13th of October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cross Country



Well done to all the boys and girls from 2nd – 6th class who competed in the East Clare Schools Cross Country Event on the 28th of September in Lee's Road. Everyone wore their Clooney colours proudly and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to our medalists Davin Brohan, Kate Quinlan, Sophie Harrison, Dara Brohan and Cillian Considine who will go on to compete in the Clare County Cross Country Finals on the 14th of November.



Walk to School Week

Walk to school week was a huge success again this year. It was wonderful to have so many of the boys and girls joining us early each morning to set off to school together. Great chats were had along the way and we look forward to doing it again later in the year. Many thanks to all the parents who joined us along the way.

Annual Maths Eyes Competition



Next week is Maths Week and we are running our annual Maths Eyes competition. All classes will be participating in the competition. Pupils are asked to take a picture of evidence of maths in their environment and add a caption/question to their picture. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are kindly asked to email their child(ren)s entries to mathsweekclooney@gmail.com by **Thursday the 19th of October**. Please insert your child(s) name, class and question/caption in the subject bar.

Winners will be announced by a very special guest on Tuesday, 24th of October.

Cumann na mBunscol Equipment Sale



The Cumann na mBunscol equipment sale is still open for orders. Please find attached an order form which should be completed and returned to us by **Friday the 20th of October 2023**. Orders cannot be accepted after this date. Payment can be made via our online Aladdin payment facility. You will have received a link to the payment portal in a separate email last week. Please enter the total amount you wish to pay and return the order form to the office. We will also have printed copies of these forms in the office for anyone that needs them. The school is going to make one order and distribute the equipment once it has arrived.

Cumann na mBunscol Football

Gaelic Football



This year both the boys and girls will compete in Division 5 of the football competition. Games will be 7 a-side and the group stage will be played in a blitz format. We encourage all pupils from 3rd to 6th classes to participate and have fun.

The boys' team (inc. girls from 5th & 6th class) will play their matches on Weds, 18th of October in Broadford. The teams involved are Meelick, Bridgetown, Raheen Woods and Mountshannon/Lakyle.

The girls team will play Inch, Doora, Mol an Óige, Holy Family and Moveen/Carrigaholt/Kilbaha on Thurs, 19th of Oct in Kilmaley. We will travel to both blitz' by bus.

Pupils must wear gum shields in order to play.



Pumpkin Challenge

On Wednesday, 25th of October, the boys and girls in the senior room will take part in the annual no carve pumpkin challenge. The creativity of the pumpkins designed over the last few years has been spooktacular and we look forward to seeing the boys and girls come up with to help decorate the halla windowsills for the Parents' Association Halloween Disco on Friday, 27th of October.



Forest Schools

After 6 wonderful weeks Mrs. Gleeson's and Ms. Lynch's classes have finished their Forest Schools programme with Gráinne and Veronica of Happy Out Forest Schools. We want to sincerely thank the Hertiage Council for funding the visits to Lee's Road under the Heritage in Schools programme. Make sure to keep an eye out on the school facebook and twitter page for a video montage of the last few weeks fun and games.



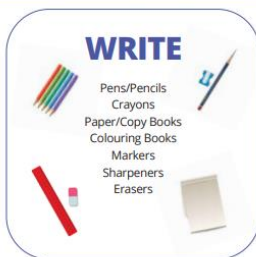
Halloween Disco – Trick or Treat for Children's Health Foundation

All pupils may dress up in costumes on Friday 27th of October, in exchange for a small donation to the Children's Health Foundation. We will collect the money online via Aladdin. A payment notice will be forwarded on next week for the collection. We hope that all pupils will participate in this fundraising initiative for such a worthy and important cause. The PA are hosting a school disco and an afternoon of Halloween fun and games in the halla for each classroom on the day of the Mid Term break. If you are available to help decorate the halla or to help out on the day, please contact the PA.



Team Hope – Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Pupils are invited to make up a Christmas shoebox for children less fortunate than themselves. The response every year from Clooney NS community is amazing and we hope that this will continue. All shoeboxes can be left into the school before Tuesday, 8th of November. Leaflets were sent home with the pupils during the week with all the relevant information. Thank you.



WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

www.teamhope.ie   

Dates for your diary:

- **Return BOM Nomination Forms:** Tues, 17th of Oct
- **Division 5 Boys Football Blitz:** Weds, 18th of Oct
- **Division 5 Girls Football Blitz:** Thurs, 19th of Oct
- **Maths Eyes Entries Closing Date:** Thurs, 19th of Oct
- **Surprise Visitor and Workshop:** Tues, 24th of Oct
- **Senior Classes Pumpkin Challenge:** Weds, 25th of Oct
- **Middle & Senior Classes AR Target:** Thurs, 26th of Oct
- **Halloween Dress Up & Disco:** Fri, 27th of Oct
- **Mid-Term:** Mon, 30th of Oct – Fri, 3rd of Nov
- **School Re-opens:** Mon, 6th of Nov

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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