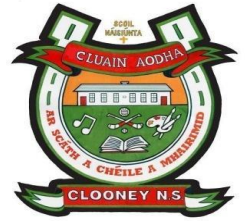


Clooney National School

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8th of December 2022

Good afternoon,
I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle cards to the school. Your generosity to our fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated. As this is a licensed draw, please return the card to the school sold or unsold by Tuesday, the 20th of December 2022. The raffle will take place on Wednesday, 21st of December 2022 before we close for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon.

Coats

I would encourage all the boys and girls to wear their coats and hats to school as we want to ensure that when they are out on the yard at break time, they are warm as they can be. Please take care on the roads over the next few days.

HSE Advice



As you are aware there has been a large general increase in general viral infections among children and young people this winter.

The HSE has issued a memo to all members of school communities highlighting the signs and symptoms of viral infections and Group A Strep and related bacterial infections.

I would encourage all parents /guardians to read the attached memo and if your child(ren) is unwell to stay at home until their symptoms have cleared as children with symptoms are more likely to spread infections.

Admissions Policy Amendment

As per statutory requirements the Department of Education requires all school Admissions Statement to be amended following the commencement of the Education (Provision in Respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022. The Admissions Statement of Clooney N.S. has being updated as directed and has been forwarded to the Patron's office for approval.

School Yard

The division of the school yard at breaktime has been reviewed and the following areas have now been established for all the classes to play in with one another. We want to encourage peer learning and interaction between all the boys and girls across our school. Pupils from the senior classroom will be yard leaders on a rota basis.

1. **Craze of the Week Zone** – In this area in front of the porta cabin different sports equipment will be laid out for the boys and girls to play with. This week's craze is hula hoops.
2. **Playground Games Zone** – In this area at the front of the school three leaders from the senior classes will facilitate and lead a variety of co operative games for the boys and girls to play.
3. **Quiet Zone** – At the rear of the school the boys and girls are encouraged to read, write and draw collaboratively.
4. **Junior Ball Zone** – In this area pupils from juniors to third class can play ball games.
5. **Senior Ball Zone** – In this area pupils from 4th to 6th class can play ball games.

On Wednesday during lunch time a Scratch club using the school iPads will operate in the middle classroom for the boys and girls to develop their coding skills in a fun and playful atmosphere.

Parents Association Clothing Collection

The PA have organised a clothing collection to raise funds for the school. Please keep us in mind when you are doing a New Year clean up at home. Bags of clothes and shoes may be dropped into the school halla during school hours after the Christmas break from Monday the 16th of January to Monday the 30th of January. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please spread the word with family and friends. Thank You.

Dates for your diary:

- We will close for the Christmas break on Wednesday, 21st of December at 12 noon.
- We will reopen for term two on Thursday, 5th of January 2023.
- Parent Teacher Meetings: Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th of January 2023.
- Peace Proms: Saturday, 28th of January 2023.
- Clothing Collection: Monday, 30th of January 2023.

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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