

Clooney National School



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19th of February 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

St. Francis Credit Union Quiz



Well done to all the boys and girls who represented our school in the annual primary school credit union quiz on Friday, 26th of January in the West County Hotel. We had three teams of four representing us in both the u11 and u13 competitions. A great evening was had by all.

St. Brigid's Day



On February 1st we celebrated both the start of Spring and all our wonderful Grandparents with Mass in Clooney Church. In the days leading up to St. Brigid's Day we were all very busy making lots of St. Brigid's Crosses for our families and friends. We were very lucky that we had a lovely Spring morning to walk to and from the Church enjoying each other's company and the beautiful Clooney countryside.

SEAI Workshop



On Friday, 2nd of February we welcomed Áine Ní Fhlatharta to the school. Áine works in conjunction with the SEAI and presented three excellent workshops on the importance of using renewable energy sources both in our homes and communities.

Cycle Right Course



Pupils from 4th to 6th class recently completed a two week cycle safety course held over a four sessions. This course incorporated a combination of theory and practice of cycle safety both in the classroom and out on the school yard. Course instructors Richard and Natasha taught the children the importance of signalling and turning in a safe manner.

Green Schools



Mrs. Gleeson and the Green Schools Committee have been busy planting wildflower seeds for our school garden. All classes have recently completed a series of projects on native birds, trees and animals in our work for a Biodiversity Green Schools Flag. We will welcome Karen Foley to the school next Monday, 4th of March as part of our Biodiversity Flag application.

Fundamental Movement Skills



All the boys and girls are busy working on developing their Fundamental Movement Skills through a series of sessions with Mark O'Donnell of Clare GAA and Dave Barry of Clooney Quin GAA. It is a wonderful opportunity for all pupils to develop their locomotor, stability and manipulative movement skills in a fun way.

Trip to Aquarium



On Thursday, 8th of February pupils from 3rd to 6th class travelled to Salthill, Galway to visit the Aquarium for a workshop on biomaterials and a tour of the aquarium. This trip was part of NUI Galway and Science Foundation of Ireland's Teacher in Residence programme Cúram. The boys and girls had great fun making slime and learning all about the sea creatures in the Aquarium. To finish a lovely day out we had lunch in Supermacs, Gort on the way home.

Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday!



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Many thanks to all the parents who sent in lots of yummy pancakes to the school last Tuesday the 13th of February for the pupils to enjoy on Shrove Tuesday. A special word of thanks to Louise, Pamela and the 6th class girls who were kept busy with pancake orders in the hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Choir



Our school choir of pupils from 2nd to 6th class is very busy preparing for performing at the upcoming Confirmation on the 9th of March at 11am. All choir members are asked to be seated with the Choir in the Church for 10.45 am on the 9th of March. Many thanks to Ms. Mary Corbett for her wonderful leadership and guidance of the school choir.

Faith Friends – Confirmation Candidates



All confirmation candidates are invited to participate in the Faith Friends programme to help them prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. The TY students in St. Joseph's Tulla have been trained as Faith Friends facilitators. Faith Friends will take place on **Tues, 20th of February** and **Tues, 27th of February** from **7pm – 8.30pm** in the **GP area of St. Joseph's Tulla**. Pupils will need to bring colouring pencils and biros with them.

Sacraments



On Saturday, 24th of February at 7pm Mass in Clooney Church, candidates for Confirmation will have their **Ceremony of Light** in preparation for their Confirmation. All candidates will need to bring their Baptismal Candle with them on the night for the ceremony.

First Confession for our communicants in 2nd class will take place at 12 noon in Clooney Church on Wednesday, 6th of March.

The **Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, 9th of March at 11am. The candidates will be confirmed by Fr. Tom Ryan.

School Photographs



On Friday, 23rd of February County Photos will visit the school to take whole school, class and family photographs. These photographs will be taken in the morning time in the school hall. All pupils are asked to wear their full uniform for the photographs.

School Closure – Referendum



The school building is being used as a polling station for the upcoming Referendum. Therefore, the school will be closed for classes on Friday, 8th of March.

Trócaire



This Lent we will be supporting Trócaire's annual Lenten campaign. Pupils will bring home Trócaire packs tomorrow afternoon. When we return after the Easter break, all monies collected from the school will be donated to Trócaire



Clooney NS Enrolment

- Clooney National School is now accepting enrolments for the **2024/25** school year.
- Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.clooneyns.com.
- Any queries please contact the school office by phone or email clooneyns@gmail.com.
- Pre-school, Before School and After School Club in Clooney Pre-school : www.facebook.com/clooneypreschool



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Dates for your diary:

- **County Photos:** School photos to be taken on Fri, 23rd of February 2024.
- **Faith Friends for Confirmation Candidates:** Tues, 20th & 27th of February from 7pm – 8.30pm in the GP area of St. Joseph's Tulla.
- **Indoor Camogie:** 21st of February, girls in 2nd – 5th travel to Quin NS for the competition.
- **Ceremony of Light:** Sat, 24th of February, Confirmation Candidates, Clooney Church at 7pm.
- **Green Schools Visit:** Mon, 4th of March, Mrs. Gleeson and the Green Schools Committee.
- **STEPS Engineers Visit:** Tues, 5th of March, Ms. Lynch's classroom will present their projects to David Purcell of Lufthansa Technik Turbine Shannon.
- **FAI Primary 5s Competition:** Tues, 5th of March, pupils in 5th & 6th class will travel to Tulla United to participate in the East Clare Section A Qualifiers
- **Confession:** Weds, 6th of March, pupils in 2nd class making their Holy Communion will make their First Confession at 12 noon in Clooney Church with Fr. Tom.
- **School Closure** – Fri, 8th of March the school will be closed as the building will be used as a polling station for the Referendum vote.
- **Confirmation:** Sat, 9th of March at 11am in Clooney Church. All choir members are asked to be seated for 10.45am
- **Lá Glas:** Fri, 15th of March, all pupils are asked to proudly wear green in celebration of Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Weekend.
- **St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday:** School closed on Mon, 18th of March 2024.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closed for the Easter break from 12 noon on Fri, 22nd of March to Sun, 7th of April 2024.
- **Parent Association Bingo Night:** Bingo Night in aid of the school will take place in Quin Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets will be available from the school shortly. Lots of wonderful prizes to be won. Raffle on the night.
- **Term 3 begins:** School reopens on Mon, 8th of April 2024.
- **Holy Communion:** Sat, 27th of April at 11am 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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