

CLOONEY NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy term one here in Clooney N.S. All the boys and girls should be proud of the hard work they put in from when we came back in August until now. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help with all our school activities. On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Marie Minogue



Once again we had a huge response to our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, We had 54 boxes which will go to families in need in poorer countries. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Fr Tom Ryan came to the school to celebrate the sacrament of First Confession with our 3rd class children who made their First Communion on the 2nd of October. Congratulations to all the candidates



CHRISTMAS ART



Yoga

Many thanks to Eimear for coming and giving yoga lessons to the boys and girls after the Mid Term break for 6 weeks. We all enjoyed and benefited enormously from our "chilled out" time during yoga on Fridays.





Thank you to all the parents and children who did remembrance cards for our November Remembrance board which we placed at Clooney Church for the month of November.



Each child did a Remembrance Ribbon to put on the remembrance tree at Clooney Church. Thank you to the Parents Association who organised this lovely event.

Christmas Decorations



Maths Week

The children took photos showing maths at work in the everyday environment, highlighting the fact that maths is all around us. There was a prize winner in each classroom. Deciding on a winner was extremely difficult as all entries were exceptional. The deserving winners in each classroom were: Diarmuid Condon (Seniors) - Sophie Harrison (4th) - and Diarmuid O'Keeffe (5th class)





Green Schools – Cycle Right Course

The boys and girls of 4th, 5th and 6th class participated in a two-day cycling course with Richard, Leroy and Natasha funded in partnership by the school, An Taisce and Clare County Council. The course focused on bike maintenance and how to cycle safely on the road. Over the two-day period the children learned how to use hand signals correctly, approach junctions and the rules of the road by navigating several courses around the school yard. We are very grateful to Mrs. Gleeson for organising the course.



As part of our Green Schools programme the children took part in a cycle to school day on the 15th of October . We are now working on our fourth green flag ‘Travel’





Halloween

There were lots of wonderful costumes to be seen on all the boys and girls on Friday the 22nd of October. We had everything from a band of 'Gangsta Grannies' to Frankenstein! An amazing £177 was raised for Temple Street Hospital.



Christmas Jumper Day

The children also raised a whopping £200 on their Christmas Jumper day for Clare Haven Services.



**School will re-open
on the 6th January
2022**



Procedural Writing

This term all the classes have been focusing on learning the key features of procedural writing. Lots of wonderful writing has been showcased in all the classrooms as well as plenty of hands-on work. The junior room enjoyed making and eating jelly and ice cream, biscuits, and jam sandwiches. In the middle room a collection of fantastic board games were created by the class for their classmates to enjoy. While in the senior room a recipe book of our favourite class sweet treats was created. There are lots of very talented bakers in the class.

Thank you to the Parents' Association and all who contributed to our School Raffle it was a huge success. We raised a total of €1905.



We had a visit from Santa on Friday last. He gave a chocolate Santa to all the children. Everyone was delighted to see him arriving in style in the Garda Patrol Car, complete with siren announcing his arrival.

