



# CLADDAGHDUFF N.S. SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Message from Principal

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. The children have been busy baking, doing science, arts & crafts, sports and much more. They are really looking forward to their Easter break.

Special thanks to Joe Lynch, Supervalu, for kindly sponsoring an Easter egg for all of the children in our school. A lovely start to their Easter egg collections!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3 on Monday 8th April.

Best wishes, Ms. Griffin

## Credit Union

Well done to the two teams who entered in the Credit Union Schools Quiz. We had an under 11's and an under 13s team represent our school. They had great fun and met lots of children from other schools in the locality.

## Enrolment Open 2024/2025

Enrolment is now open for new pupils who will join our school in 2024/2025. We will have a New Junior Infant open morning in June. See dates for your diary! Please contact the school if you need an enrolment form.

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## St Patricks Day Parade

Well done to all of the children who participated in the St. Patricks Day parade. The Junior room did the theme of 'Superhero's' and the Senior room voted on a theme of 'The Simpsons'. They looked great and had lots of fun!



## Birthday Baking

January got off to a flying start with Birthday Baking! The children who had birthdays Nov-Feb were able to go to the kitchen to bake their birthday cake. Thanks to Martina for helping & making sure everyone got some!



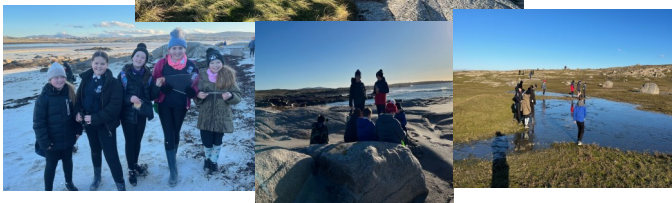
## Pancake Tuesday

The kitchen was busy on Pancake Tuesday. Thanks to Maura & Patricia for helping the children make their pancakes. They were delicious!



## Omey Walk

On the 10th January, the senior room seized the moment and went on a walk on Omey Island. It was a beautiful sunny day, The children walked, talked, ran, climbed rocks, slipped, searched for sheets of ice, did some bird watching and much more. It was a wonderful day and one of those days that reminded us how lucky we are to have the magnificent Omey Island on our doorstep.



## Binoculars Donation

We very kindly received a gift of 4 pairs of binoculars from Cleggan Tidy Towns. They are of great quality and were purchased from Birdwatch Ireland. These will be a fantastic resource for our



school. We are particularly grateful to Claude Reichard from Cleggan Tidy Towns for his time and dedication, organising and delivering the binoculars and to all of the Cleggan Tidy Towns for including us in their great work. Thank you!



## First Penance

Well done to the pupils who made their First Penance in February. They are busy getting ready for their First Holy Communion. Thanks to the seniors for singing and playing their instrument's in the church.

## St. Brigid's Day

On St. Brigid's day the whole school made lovely St. Brigid's crosses. The Junior room made beautiful colourful crosses and the Senior room made theirs using rushes. The children all did a great job! The children brought their crosses to mass on St. Brigid's Day for the priest to bless them.



## Valentines Fundraising Raffle

Special thanks to our Parents Association for organising the Valentines fundraising hamper. Thank you to all who supported the fundraising raffle.

Congratulations to:

Johnny Mulkerrin who won the main Valentines Raffle hamper! Also Congratulations to Freddie on winning the Junior Room hamper and to Caoimhe on winning the Senior room hamper.



## Dates for your diaries:

1st Holy Communion: Saturday 27th April  
1st Mary– Senior room trip to Inishbofin (Subject to change)  
6th May: School closed, bank holiday  
31st May: Junior room & senior room school tours  
3rd June: School closed, bank holiday  
6th June: Welcome morning for new infants  
7th June: School closed for elections  
11th June: 6th class graduation in the school at 11.30am  
21st June: 1/2 day, summer holidays!

## Whalen Foundation Science Program

The Senior room have been participating in The Whalen Foundation Science Program. They have enjoyed science lessons with Declan Holmes. There was a focus on science and music this year. The children created a project based on the 'Six Nations Flags' where they gathered information and they had to train the computer to recognise the flags. They brought their project to Clifden Town Hall for the science fair on Tue 19th March. They had a lovely day. Special thanks to Marie Bourke for co-ordinating this program.



## GAA Blitz

On Thursday 21st March the senior pupils travelled to Clifden to participate in a GAA blitz. It was a 13 aside blitz, we were joined with Cleggan and Kingstown NS. The boys team \_\_\_\_\_ and the girls team enjoyed their games, despite the weather everyone had a great day!

