

HALLOWEEN 2024



Principal's Message

Welcome to our Halloween Newsletter. We have been busy since we came back to school at the end of August. I hope that you will enjoy catching up on all that we have been doing.

We have had an issue with our website which has delayed posting the activities we do. We hope to have this rectified soon and I will let you know as soon as it is back up and running.

As the Halloween holiday approaches, I would like to wish our hard working pupils and staff a safe and Happy Halloween. Enjoy the well earned break!

All the best,
Ms. Griffin

Welcome to our new pupils

We were delighted to welcome our new pupils to our school at the start of our 2024/2025 school year. It is great to see everyone settling in so well and enjoying school life. We wish all of our pupils an enjoyable educational journey here at Claddaghduff N.S.



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Junior Room making Halloween Potions

The Junior room have been busy doing lots of interesting Halloween themed activities, including making some Halloween potions and pumpkin fun!



Omey Stars

Omey Stars Afterschool is up and running again this year. Parents can avail of the National Childcare Scheme. Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Contact Patricia on: 087-3919947



Dates for The Diary

Mid term: School closed Monday 30th Oct and reopening Monday, 6th November
Confirmation Enrolment mass: Sat, 9th November
Communion Enrolment mass: Sat, 16th November
Maths Curriculum Closure: Monday, 25th November
Christmas concert: at Claddaghduff Hall on Tuesday, 10th December at 6pm
Christmas Holiday: School will close at 12pm on Fri 20th December and reopens Monday 6th Jan 2025
Swimming Lessons: 1st-6th Class: 15th Jan for 6 Weeks
Confirmation: Friday, 2nd May 2025 at 11am
1st Holy Communion: Saturday, 3rd May 2025, at 11am
6th Class Graduation: Tue, 10th June 2025 at 11.30am

GAA with Johnny

We have Johnny Coyne back with us since mid- October and he is building on the GAA skills with 3rd to 6th class. We are always happy to see Johnny coming in the gate with his bag of Gaelic footballs!



Beach Clean with GRETB

As part of our Green Schools activities, the senior room did a beach clean in Aughris with staff & pupils from GRETB Letterfrack. Thanks to Sorcha O' Toole for inviting us on the clean up and for funding the bus and the lovely treats! We gathered bags of litter. Everyone did great work looking after our environment.



Parents Association Update

The Parents Association held their AGM on Tue 22nd Oct. Sharon Mulkerrin– Chairperson
Maureen Kavanagh– Secretary
Hazel Scullion– Treasurer
The P.A have great fundraising plans for the coming year. All fundraising goes back to benefit the children so please help out and support as much as possible.
The P. A pays for music lessons, swimming bus, school tour buses and more. This year, as the cost of swimming lessons is €70 per child, the P.A have kindly agreed to subsidize this by €20 per child, so parents will now pay €50 per child. The school is always grateful to the fantastic support given by our parents.



Omey Beach Trip

In September, we got our late summer, so both rooms took advantage of the good weather and went to Omey strand, where they did team building tasks, creative skills and built sandcastles and moates.



Clifden Arts Festival

We had a fantastic Arts Week this year and are always grateful to be included in the schools program. Between the two classrooms, we welcomed Graham Sales for a talk on Dark Skies, Betty and the Baby Boomers for music, Linda Schirmer for a modern dance workshop, Nichola Heanue- Children's author, Ballad of a Bandit-drama performance, Terry McDonagh for poetry & story writing, Pauline Devine- an Irish author, Fidget Feet for outdoor activities, Sketchcancaravan for a puppet show, Clare Henderson - print workshop, Mike McGoldrick musician, Amy King for a drama workshop, Irish Dance workshop with Caitlin and we finished up with the seniors participating in the Grande Finale Parade in Clifden on the Saturday night.

We would like to sincerely thank Brendan Flynn, Des Lally, Nikki Snow & the Arts Festival Committee for giving us this wonderful opportunity to be involved in the Arts Festival events.

Shoebox Appeal

We are participating again in the Team Hope shoebox appeal. The flyers have been sent home. All filled and wrapped shoeboxes are to be brought into school by Wednesday 6th November. Thank you.

Clifden Arts Festival in Pictures



Baking

In September, the seniors gathered blackberries. They made some delicious blackberry & apple crumble, they kindly shared it with 1st & 2nd classes and everyone got to eat it out in the sunshine!



Music Lessons with Marie

We are back doing music lessons with the talented traditional musician Marie Walsh. Special thanks to our Parents Association who fundraise for the music lessons each year.

Juniors

The Junior Infants are enjoying their trips to the Aistear room in the mornings with Múinteoir Éabha. Learning through play is an important part of the infant curriculum.



Juniors planting Daffodil bulbs

The Junior room have planted their daffodil bulbs with Ms. O' Malley and will look forward to watching them grow over the coming months!

