

Cloontagh National School

Newsletter

November 2019



Key Dates to Remember

Monday 11th Nov – Parents Day - 2pm -4pm. All children will go home at **1.30**

Monday 2nd Dec – School Closed

Saturday 7th Dec – Christmas Fair

Dec – Infant classes Nativity play (JI-SI)

Monday 16th Dec - Jingle Walk (Christmas Jumpers)

Fri 20th Dec – School closes at 11am for Christmas Holidays

Tue 24th Dec – Cloontagh School will participate in the Christmas eve mass.

Mon 6th January – School re-opens

Sacramental Talks:

Confirmation talk on Monday 21st January @ 7.30pm.

First Communion talk on Tuesday 28th January @ 7.30pm.

We hope you all had a lovely Halloween break and are all ready for the next 7 busy weeks leading up to Christmas.

Tables Challenge

Congratulations to our winners who received their prizes at the Halloween assembly.

Fastest times:

Finn Pienaar 1st class, Olivia Mc Eleney 2nd class, Clodagh Mc Gonigle 3rd class, Callum Mc Eleney 4th class, Dermot Mc Gonigle 5th class, Kaylah Mc Callion 6th class.

Most Improved:

Ella Gillespie 1st class, Sophie Friel 2nd class, Ciara Mc Laughlin 3rd class, Naomi Mc Laughlin 4th class, Amy Devlin 5th class, Adam Toland & Niamh Donaghey 6th class.

Christmas Fair

We are delighted to host our first Christmas fair in conjunction with our parents association on Saturday 7th December from 10am-1pm. See attached sheet for details.

Christmas Eve Mass

The children of Cloontagh School will be singing and reading at Christmas Eve mass this year. We hope that many of our families will be able to attend this special mass for our Children.

Sacrament Dates Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church, on Sunday 1st March @ 2pm

First Holy Communion is in St Mary's Church at 11am on Saturday 9th May.

Please note the dates on the front page for the Sacramental Talks

An Post savings stamps

We are starting the An Post savings stamps scheme in the school from Thursday 14th November. This is a good way to teach your child the importance of saving small amounts regularly. Stamps are €1 each with a filled card worth €20. These can then be cashed or deposited in a Post Office savings account. For administration purposes the smallest coin should be €1, thank you.

PE days - November and December

Wednesdays - Junior Infants to 2nd class.

Thursdays - 3rd to 6th class.

During this term due to weather conditions we will not be doing our morning running. This will resume again in the Spring.

Gaeilge sa Chlos

We will be focussing on Irish in the yard on the last week of every month with tickets for every child who speaks Irish during breaks.

There will also be a Frasnanna na Seachtaine (phrase of the week) on display at the front door, which we hope everyone will use at home and in school.

Attendance

Congratulations, the winners of this month's play pass is 1st & 2nd class with 98.1%.

We are participating in the nationwide TUSLA 'Every School Day Counts' attendance campaign this month, so where possible please try to be in school every day.

Cloontagh N.S. New Website is now online @ www.cloontaghns.com. Please have a look and we welcome all feedback. This was designed by Múinteoir Marie Doherty.

Work experience

We would like to welcome our two students who have very kindly chosen Cloontagh school in which to complete their work experience.

Cara Aoife - who is a 4th year student in LYIT will be in the junior room from Nov 4th to Dec 13th.

Cara Briana - a TY student in CCS who will be with us from 4th-8th November.

Choir

Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part in the Seamus Grant memorial concert.

Scarecrow Competition

Thank you to all the parents and children who so generously contributed to our scarecrow making, we had a great day's fun making them.

Congratulations

Well done to Múinteoir Sheila who participated in the New York marathon and thank you to all who kindly donated to her fundraising for The Foyle Hospice.