



St. Colman`s N.S. Oct 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

September and October have gone by in a flash. We are well and truly back into school routines and ready for the midterm break. It is lovely to be back to a more relaxed routine this year after over two years of restricted movements and activities. We welcomed 35 new Junior Infants in September. They have settled in very well and we wish them all the very best as they start Primary school.

It was an exciting return to school for staff and pupils this year. Our long awaited and much needed school extension was finally finished and ready to use. At last, we were able to remove the portacabins. The extra space in the yard is proving very popular. We are looking forward to celebrating the official opening of the new building in November.

Well done to all staff and pupils on the hard work since our return. The staff and Board of Management appreciate the support and co-operation shown by parents.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Together we can keep the school a happy and safe place to learn and grow.

We wish you a safe, relaxing and happy Halloween break.

Le meas,

Mary O'Brien.

Principal.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING

The Board of Management are planning to hold an official opening of the new building on Wednesday, November 23rd at 12 O'clock.

Bishop Crean, Bishop of Cloyne, will attend. Parents and members of the local community are welcome to attend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, October 28th – Freaky Friday

Midterm - Friday, October 28th –

Monday, November 7th – Return to school after

Parent Teacher Meetings -Tuesday, November 22nd & Tuesday, November 29th

Official Opening of the new building by Bishop Crean - Wednesday, November 23rd

Christmas Holidays - Wednesday, December 21st @ 12 noon----Reopening on Thursday, January 5th

First Holy Communion – Saturday, May 6th

Shoebox appeal 2022

We have had a great response to the Shoebox Appeal this year. We have 165 Christmas boxes collected at the moment. Thank you for making some child's Christmas extra special this

year! 😊

CONTACT DETAILS

Please check your and your child's details on Aladdin. Please update your contact details with the secretary if necessary. It is essential that we have a current address, email and contact phone number for all parents/guardians.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Face to face parent teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 29th. Details will be available after midterm.

ROAD SAFETY

Caroline Casey, Safety Officer with Cork County Council, visited the school in September. Caroline, assisted by Angela Geary, school warden, spoke to classes. They revised the main points to remember when using the road as a pedestrian or as a cyclist. Caroline hopes to return later in the year to do a cycling workshop with some of the older classes.

SIXTH CLASS

On Thursday 20th October a group of volunteers from Cloyne First Responders came to the school to give a talk about Restart a Heart Day which took place on October 16th. They met with sixth class pupils and gave a presentation on what to do in case of an emergency situation i.e. Cardiac Arrest, Stroke, Chest Pain and Choking.



SENIOR INFANTS

Senior Infants settled back into school and have had a wonderful first few weeks. They have learned about a variety of topics and have had lots of fun in the process! Senior Infants completed their first Aistear theme of the year – ‘The Estate Agent’. They learned about different types of houses, the rooms in a house and the amenities you can find locally. They designed, painted and decorated their own houses using cereal boxes as part of the ‘junk art’ section of Aistear. During ‘role-play’, they had to go through the processes of buying and selling houses.

The children collaboratively built their own housing estate using blocks and Lego during the ‘construction’ section. Finally, as part of the ‘small world’ section, the children put the final finishing touches on the doll houses they were selling and showed each other around the houses that were for sale.

Senior Infants have been learning all about Autumn. They have discussed the seasonal changes that have been occurring since the return to school and they have been eager each day to point out these differences when they have noticed them. The children completed an autumnal scavenger hunt around the school grounds where they found an abundance of evidence of the new season. The classroom’s nature tables are full of autumnal leaves, conkers, acorns and sycamore tree leaves.

During Maths Week, the children participated in a variety of games and activities within the classroom. The whole school collectively planned for a junior class to partner up with a senior class to complete a Maths related activity. Miss Wall’s senior infants were matched with Ms O’Callaghan’s fourth class and Ms Power’s senior infants were matched with Mr Collins` third and fourth class.

They played ‘knock out’ where the aim of the game was to be the first player to cover their spaces that were numbered one to six by continuing to roll the dice. Great fun was had by all, and some new friendships were formed!

Senior Infants have started preparing for their Christmas Play ‘Penguin Pete’ which they will be performing in December (the date will be confirmed after Mid-Term Break). The children have been working very hard and enthusiastically to learn the songs. We are looking forward to the performance!

Senior Infants also took part in GAA skills. This term they concentrated on football skills and had lots of fun. Thank you to all the volunteers from the GAA. We are so lucky to have such a great team coming into the school.

GAA

A big thank you to Cloyne GAA/LGF for providing coaching and training sessions at the school. Each class will get the opportunity to participate in blocks of training sessions before the end of the year.

UNIFORMS

The Board of Management asks that all children wear proper school uniform or school tracksuit (whichever is applicable on the day) each school day. The Board appreciates the co-operation and support of parents on this matter.

Junior Infants 2023

Applications for Admissions to Junior Infants 2023 are now being taken.
Email secretary@cloynens.com or phone 021 4652567 for more detail.



Cross Country

Congratulations to the children who took part in the East Cork Athletics Schools Cross Country Event on Friday the 7th of October. The children represented the school very well and the rain held off to ensure we all stayed dry and had a great day out!



Choir

Our school choir have been practising very hard since September. We are looking forward to our first performance at the opening of the new school extension.



A huge thanks to all who donated books to the school. Once our library shelving is up they will be added to our school library and put to great use!

Maths Week

To celebrate Maths Week all classes visited another class to do some maths activities with them. We had great fun playing games and learning together!



Chess

Since early September, Third and Fourth Class have been learning how to play chess. Numerous studies have shown that chess develops logical thinking and problem-solving skills, improves concentration, heightens self-esteem and promotes independence and a sense of responsibility. In a short time, our budding chess masters have mastered the basics of the game while also learning important social skills e.g. respect, winning and losing, the consequences of being impulsive. Don't be surprised if you soon hear them discussing various opening strategies at the dinner table e.g. "Sicilian Defence" and the "Ruy Lopez", as they spend more time honing their skillset. The most satisfying aspect is that they are all enthusiastic about learning and enjoying the challenge. Well done!

Junior Infant News

We have had a lovely start to the year in Junior Infants. The children have all settled in brilliantly, they have made lots of new friends and adapted to their new classroom. At the moment, our Aistear theme is Halloween and we have been working in different play stations. One of our favourite stations is the Role Play area where we have been making potions. We have been using lots of new language and talking about all the ingredients we are adding to the cauldron. We take turns being the witch and casting spells on each other!

Here are some quotes that the children have said what they think Junior Infants is like:

“We do songs.”

“We paint sometimes and we also play with play doh.”

“I love playing outside and doing pom poms and painting.”

“I like Aistear and making potions in role play.”



Ms Healy`s 5th & 6th Class

Baking

We really enjoyed baking chocolate chip cookies. We then wrote the recipe as Gaeilge. Emma Murray has shared the recipe if you would like to bake them at home.

Oideas

Aidhm - Conas brioscaí sceallaí seacláide a dhéanamh.

Fearas	Comhábhair
Babhla mór	240g Plúr
Spúnóg tae	120g Ím
Spúnóg clárach	60g Siúcra
Scála	2tsp Vanilla
Trae Báicéireacht	100g Sceallí Seacláide

Céimeanna

1. Ar dtús, cuir do Shiúcra , plúr agus ím sa bhabhla agus measc le chéile le do lámha .
2. Ansin, doirt vanilla agus sceallaí seacláide sa dhaos agus measc .
3. Ina theannta sin, déan liathroidí beag leis an daos agus cuir iad ar an traie .
4. Tar éis sin , cócaráil ar feadh 12-15 nóiméaid ag 180c.
- 5.Ar deireadh, bain taitneamh as!

Local History

Cloyne is steeped in history and we have been exploring Cloyne bit by bit and we would love to share where we have been so far. Firstly, we went to St. Colman’s Church, we did a work sheet with lots of questions. When we went inside we were greeted by Fr.Pat. He told us a lot about the church and its past. We had great fun! Secondly, we went to St. Colman's Cathedral, right across from the Round Tower, which we also visited. There we learnt many interesting facts about its past, including information about the Cloyne Cross, the Devil's footprint and much more! Would you believe The Cloyne Cross was discovered over 10 centuries ago?! The Devil's footprint was supposedly made by the devil, but you never know! We really enjoyed these lovely, informative and fun trips!

Written by Lilly Carey

Our class went on a historical trip around Cloyne. We visited the old courthouse, Cloyne Community Gardens, The Grainstores, Litton Fountain, The Pound and The United Irish-Men memorial plaque. We enjoyed learning about how the fountain was one of the only sources of clean water for the people in Cloyne and how the men who fought in the rebellion from May until September 1798.

Written by Saoirse Dempsey

"Friends of Cloyne NS"

In late September a number of the staff decided it would be great to get a "Friends of Cloyne NS" group together. This group would be made up of staff and parents and the aim of the group would be to support the school in a number of ways.

A note was sent out to parents to see if they would like to join and with 32 names back it was decided we would set the wheels in motion.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday 18th Oct and with 4 staff and 20 parents present lots of ideas were floated.

Some of the group volunteered to help at our fundraiser while another parent took on the role of organising the An Post saving stamps which will begin again after midterm. Another offered paper cups and some parents will help sort the school library.

The group will meet again prior to the opening of the new school building with a view to helping with this event. Thank you to all who joined. We are excited for the future.



OUR MARATHON

On Friday October 21st, Ciaran from Fitter Younger came to Cloyne and we ran a sponsored relay marathon in the front yard. In doing so we raised much needed funds for a few items we would like to purchase for our new building.

On the bucket list was a set of internal phones so the office can communicate with the new classrooms and vice versa. The cost is €3400 and new desk tops for some desks €300. The children really got behind this venture and from the youngest to the eldest child everyone ran their lap with such determination, they might even give a few of the locals running the Dublin City Marathon a run for their money.

As we go to print we have a net profit of €5,361 to say we are delighted is an understatement.

Thank you to all who helped with this event and to all our families who gave generously. The balance of the money will go toward the new front doors which will be arriving in the new year.



Sciath na Scol

We entered both a boys and girls Gaelic football team in Sciath na Scol, the GAA primary school's competition.

We were drawn in a tough group with the 4 other schools being Youghal Gaelscoil, Saleen NS, Glounthaune NS and Kilcredan NS.

We travelled to Youghal for our 1st game, the girls got a win but unfortunately luck wasn't on the side of the boys. Next up was Saleen away in Aghada, this time the results were reversed, the girls had a tough day at the office and the boys got an important win. We had 2 home games to follow with Glounthaune up first, they proved too strong for both our teams and we had it all to do in our final games. While the girls and boys team both won the next round against Kilcredan. It all came down to score difference and unfortunately for us we didn't make the top 2 to progress to the semi-finals.

There were 50 players in total between the 2 panels from 5th and 6th classes and everyone enjoyed the time out of school.

A big thank you to Ms G Kearney, Ms M O'Sullivan and Mr D Quinlan for coaching the teams.

To both Cloyne GAA and Cloyne LGFA for sponsoring the registration fee and giving some money towards the away buses.

Also thank you to the Mothers who washed the jerseys after the match it is very much appreciated.

Hurling will start after Easter we have 1 team entered which will be a mixed boys and girls team so plenty to look forward to.