

**Clondrohid N.S.**

**School Bulletin**

**November 2019**

**Welcome Junior Infants**

We are delighted that all our new Junior infants are well settled in Clondrohid N.S. and we wish them well for the coming years. I have sent an email to the North Pole, letting Santa know that they all deserve to be placed on the good list.

**Official Opening**

Many thanks to all who supported our Official Opening on October 11<sup>th</sup>, to Minister Micheal Creed who cut the tape, Bishop Crean who performed the blessing and the many parents who helped out on the day. We are truly blessed to have such state of the art educational facilities at our disposal and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on the educational attainments of our children in the years to come.

**Irish Guitar Quartet**

The Irish Guitar Quartet performed for children on this Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. This is the third successive year that West Cork Music Company has organised musical performers for our school and it has always been a thoroughly enjoyable event.

**First Communion**

Pupils in second class in our school will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**Board of Management**

Clondrohid National School new Board of Management has been appointed and will remain in place for the next four years. Its members are as follows:

Fr. Joe Rohan,	Mr. James O' Callaghan
Mr. Jim Lucey.	Mrs. Deirdre Duggan
Mrs. Julie Sheahan,	Mr. Mossie Galvin
Mrs. Noreen Vaughan	Mrs Úna Lynch

The Board wishes to thank Fr. Anthony Wickham for his service to previous Boards and to extend its good wishes to him in his new role in Newtownshandrum. It also wishes to thank Mrs. Síle O' Riordan and Mrs.

Breda Quinn out going Board Members for their participation over the years.

**Maternity Leave**

Best wishes to Ms. O' Donoghue and Mrs. Buckley who will commence maternity leave shortly. Ms. Maria Buckley will replace Mrs. Buckley and Mr. Con Meade will replace Ms. O' Donoghue.

**School Opening Times**

The formal opening time of the school is 8:50 each morning. "Before School" supervision is provided from 8:35 to 8:50. Parents are reminded that it is obligatory for pupils to be present in school before 8:50am. This ensures that your child receives his/her full allocation of tuition time and that classroom disruption is avoided for other children in the class.

**Parking**

As Parking is very limited in front of our school Board of Management advises parents to utilize the drop off system in front of the old school. You should enter by the village side and exit by the Macroom side. without driving up beside the Community Hall. **Please do not drive through front gates unless absolutely necessary.**

**Clondrohid School New Facebook Page.**

Clondrohid N.S. now has a Facebook page. We hope you will find it a useful source of information about life in our school.

**Nut Allergy**

A number of pupils enrolled in our school have a medical diagnosis of anaphylaxis. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nuts/peanuts/nut products, cross contamination or occasionally through breathing nuts in the air.

- Avoiding giving your school-going children nuts/ peanuts in school lunches.
- Avoiding giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as "Nutella" and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches.
- Asking your children not to share their school lunches.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents fully co-operate with the suggested

measures and help reduce the risks of allergic reaction to these pupils.

### **Head Lice**

Parents are encouraged to regularly check their child's hair for signs of head lice. Your pharmacist will advise you on the treatment options available.

### **Christmas Plays**

Several classes in Clondrohid N.S. are producing plays. These will take place on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

Junior Infants	9:15am – Classroom
Senior Infants -	9:45am - School Hall.
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	10:15am - School Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	1:30pm - School Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	2pm - School Hall
Sonas/Suaimhneas	1pm Droichidín Hall

Taking of photographs or recording of images using any form of video device is most sensitive from a child protection perspective. It is school policy that parents/guardians are permitted to record images of such school based events on the understanding that recordings are for personal use only and must not be forwarded for publication or uploaded to any web site (such as Facebook) for viewing by others.

### **Christmas Mass**

Our annual Christmas Mass will be celebrated in our school hall on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. As always, each member of our school community as well as the wider community is cordially invited to join us on the occasion.

### **P.E. Skills Programme**

Our sincere thank you to Paddy Corkery & Liam Slattery for providing hurling skills to our pupils. On Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup> tennis coach Alan O' Mahony makes a welcome return to provide tennis skills coaching for all our pupils. The funding for this programme is provided by Clondrohid Parents' Association.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class are enjoying the ongoing rowing lessons in the National Rowing Centre in Farran. This culminates in a day rowing on the water, later in the year.

### **Art. Competition**

Congratulations to Jude Murphy (6<sup>th</sup>), Ellen O' Shea (5<sup>th</sup>), Michael Dunne (4<sup>th</sup>), Éabha Crowley (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Sinead Kelleher (2<sup>nd</sup>), our worthy winners in the Farm Safety Slogan Art competition, sponsored by Teagasc. The judges commented that all entries were of a very high standard and that they had difficult job in selecting the winners.

### **Sciath na Scol /Mini 7s**

Once again our school boys' and girls' teams have participated in Sciath na Scol football. The boys team unfortunately did not progress to final stage, despite playing well in each of their games. The girls team qualified for the semi-final and were very unlucky to narrowly lose to Dunderrow by 2 points. The girls fared better in the mini 7s competition and have qualified for the finals by defeating Schull and Kilmeen.

### **Enrolment Forms 2020**

Enrolment forms for September 2020 are now available through our school secretary Nora on 026-61800.

### **J.E.P.**

This year Rang 6 will again take part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. This involves the children using their creativity to come up with an individual business plan, research it, market it, produce it, and finally sell it as a brand new product. They hope to learn a lot of new valuable life skills and of course make a little profit through their product "Flawless Frames". Watch this space for the Bill Gates of the future!

### **School Closures**

All staff will attend The Primary Language Curriculum seminar **on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and school will remain closed on that day.**

### **Christmas Holidays**

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. (Please note earlier closing time) and reopen on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:50am.

On behalf of Clondrohid N.S. staff, I wish to take this opportunity to extend good wishes to all members of our school community for the upcoming festive season.