



Cloyne Rince NS

December 2016 Newsletter



Calendar

Thurs 22nd December
Mon 9th January 2017

School closes 12:30pm for Christmas Holidays
School re-opens

Annual Christmas Raffle

The annual Christmas Raffle tickets have now been distributed. We are asking all families to sell 5 books of tickets. There are 6 tickets in each book at €2 a ticket. The seller can sell and keep the money for the 6th ticket or the seller may write their own name on the 6th ticket. **The prizes are 1st €1,000, 2nd prize is €300 and 3rd prize is €200 with a seller's prize of €50.** The draw will take place on the night of the Christmas concert on Thursday 15th December. Extra books may be ordered from Liz in the office. Please return tickets and money by Monday 12th December.

Christmas Concert

The Annual Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday 15th December at 6:30pm. As usual 2nd Class will perform a version of the Nativity and the whole school will accompany the music. The theme for the concert this year is 'Traditional', which will celebrate traditions and round off the 1916 celebrations.

Data Protection - Families may take photos/video of their child's performance. Parents/Guardians may not upload this footage onto social media without the permission of the parent/guardian of any child contained on such footage.

Christmas Mass

The Christmas Mass will take place on **Wednesday 21st December** in Clogherinkoe Church at 10am. We would love if you could come along and celebrate with us.

Notes Explaining Absences from School

Parents are reminded that all absences from school must be notified in writing to the school as soon as possible after the absence. This may be done in using the slips found in the homework journals, a handwritten note or an email to secretary@clocharince.ie. This is essential for record purposes required by the National Education Welfare Board.

Rainbows Programme

Rainbows is a programme for children from the age of 7 upwards who have experienced bereavement, whether through the passing of a loved one or separation. Ms Roche and Ms Mhic Sheoin are currently running the programme in the school.

Shoe-Box Appeal: Hope Foundation

Thank you all for the wonderful response and generosity for the Shoebox Appeal. This annual event is simple and effective and brings much joy to children in other countries. I would like to thank Ms McCarthy for organising and co-ordinating the project. In total the school collected 129 boxes for the appeal which was a wonderful response.

Science Week

We had an excellent Science Week on the week beginning the 14th November. Each class produced wonderful ideas with some excellent science experiments. There are some budding entrepreneurs in the school who have a bright future ahead of them. Each teacher ensured that there was a fun and inventive way to encourage the children to develop all the skills required to be successful in science every day. A huge thank you to Mr Darby and Ms Kelly for coordinating the event this year and to all the staff and pupils for their enthusiasm and input to the week.

Futsal Blitz and Tag Rugby Blitz

Well done to all our budding soccer players from 3rd and 4th Class who participated in the Futsal Blitz, organised by the FAI, in Celbridge on 24th November. The children had a great day and were a credit to the school for their sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Eyres and Ms Seoighe for their time and effort with training and for ensuring all the children got time to participate and enjoy the day.

Well done to 6th Class on their recent participation in the Tag Rugby Blitz in Edenderry, organised by Patsy Gorman, the tag rugby coach. It was great to see smiling faces and to hear that they had a fantastic and thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Someone Like Me Art Competition

Congratulations to Ria Hogan from 2nd Class who is the Kildare winner for the annual 'Someone Like Me' Art Competition which is organised by the Department of Justice and Equality. The competition asks the children to consider how they include children with Special Needs in everyday life. It is an All-Ireland competition and Ria has been chosen as the Kildare representative from among 1000's of entries. She will be going to Dublin along with the other county winners to collect her prize shortly.

Mini Lip Sync

On Sunday 27th November, the school was very well represented in the Mini Lip Sync which took place in Moyvalley Hotel. Many of the acts reached the finals and each participant can be very proud of themselves for all the hard work that they put into practising for the event.

Congratulations to Sadie Cullinan, Eve Doran, Stella Walsh, Mealla McCarthy and Caoilfhionn O'Donnell from 5th Class, who came second, and to Fionn Kelly from 2nd Class, who along with his cousin Oisín, came third.

Student Council News

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

The Student Council are organising the Annual St Vincent de Paul Food Appeal again this year. There will be boxes placed in the foyer so that the children can put any food items for the appeal until Friday 9th December. Examples of food items would be tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, sweets, biscuits, mince pies, sauces such as ketchup, brown sauce, gravy granules, rice, cereals, custard etc. We thank you in advance for supporting the children in their efforts and for your generosity.

Thursday 22nd December- Last Day

This will be a no-uniform day. Pupils may come to school in Christmas colours or Christmas jumpers.

There will be a special visitor on this day organised by our Parent Association volunteers. Thanks so much to all the PA volunteers for their great work with our pupils.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Nollaig shona daoibh go léir ó gach duine i gClocha Rince