

CLONMONEY N.S.

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GENERAL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the second half of our first term, I want to thank everyone in our school community for the positivity, cooperation, and support shown since September. It has been a busy and productive start to the school year, and it has been heartening to see the enthusiasm of our pupils in all areas of school life – from learning in the classroom to participating in the many events and activities that have taken place already this school year. I would particularly like to acknowledge the continued partnership between home and school, which remains central to everything we do. Your support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply encouraging your children each day, makes a real difference.

Parents' Association Events

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their wonderful work in organising two very enjoyable events before the midterm break – the Halloween Disco on Wednesday, 23rd October, and the "Trunk or Treat" event held in the school car park the following day. Both occasions were a great success and created a real sense of excitement and community spirit among our pupils. The disco raised an impressive €1,860, which is a fantastic achievement.

The Parents' Association have indicated that funds raised will help meet the essential day-to-day running costs of the school, while also contributing towards enhancements to our temporary indoor sensory space, an important resource for many pupils. We are also mindful of the importance of considering family budgets when planning future events, and the Parents' Association is always attentive to this balance.

Fundraising initiatives such as these provide invaluable support in helping the school manage increasing costs related to energy, insurance, and the purchase of learning materials and equipment. We are deeply appreciative of the time, energy, and creativity that the Parents' Association put into organising these events, and we are grateful for the continued goodwill and support of all families who participate.

Our new school jerseys!



This week, we have finalised an order for our new school jerseys. In recent years, Bunratty Cratloe have allowed us to use their kit when we had more than one team playing on finals days. We are hugely grateful to Ciara & Colin Liston and their business, CL Contractors for very kindly sponsoring the set of 30 jerseys for our school teams.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wed. 5th of November** - Cash for Clobber
- **Thur. 6th Nov:** Christmas Shoebox appeal collection
- **Tue. 18th of Nov.:** Staff Child Protection training - school closed
- **Fri. 19th of Dec.:** School closes at 12:00 for Christmas holidays, reopens Mon. 5th Jan. '26

Curricular News

October was a busy and creative month in Clonmoney NS! We organised a handwriting competition for all classes, encouraging pupils to develop their cursive script skills. Well done to all the children who took part – your hard work and attention to detail were impressive! Each week's winners were proudly displayed on our school notice board, showcasing the efforts of our young writers.

Looking ahead, Science Week 2025 will take place from November 9th to 16th, with the theme "Then. Today. Tomorrow." Our classes will be participating in a range of activities and experiments, and we will host a classroom science fair to share and celebrate the learning that takes place. We look forward to seeing the curiosity and creativity of our pupils shine during this exciting initiative!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

A reminder that our **Cash for Clobber** collection will take place on **Wednesday, 5th November**. Bags of clothing can be dropped off just inside the school wall.

This month, the Parents' Association will also be launching our annual school calendar & art competition. This year's theme is '**The Four Seasons at Clonmoney**'. Pupils are encouraged to create a colourful drawing or picture for inclusion on the covers of our school calendars – we look forward to seeing the creativity and imagination of all our pupils. Closing date for entries is **Friday 14th of November**.

Christmas Events

School management and staff will meet after school this week to finalise our plans for the Christmas celebrations. Traditionally, we hold Christmas shows or a class nativity in our church every second year. This year, we hope to organise carol singing and other festive performances at locations around our local community. Full details of the events will be shared with parents next week – we look forward to celebrating the season with our pupils and wider community.

Assembly Winners:

In October, the following pupils were rewarded for their excellence: Darragh Killeen & Mia O'Neill (Juniors); David McInerney & Darragh Quish, (Seniors); Fiadh O'Neill & Cara McGirl (1st Class); Clodagh Kirby & David Malone (2nd Class); Mason Gilligan, Aimee Conway, Olly O'Leary, & Lily McPhillips (3rd Class); Ryan O'Neill, Cian Jones, Olive Purcell & Luke Marshall (4th Class) Peter Conway, Emer Gavin, Cathal Corry & Fiadh Liston (5th Class), Caitlin O'Grady, Zach Kearns, Luka Haugh & Sophia Moroney (6th Class).

Sports Update – Football & Cross-Country Running:

Best wishes to our boys' footballers who have a play off VS Quin/Dangan NS in their Division 1 group this week for a semi final place. The team has already played Quin/Dangan, Cratloe, Clarecastle & Ballyea. Hard luck to our girls footballers who played Kilkishen & Clonlara in their group also last month. On Tuesday, November 18th, Jamie Hartnett & Fiadh McCarthy will be competing in the county cross country finals, being held in Lee's Road, Ennis. Best of luck Jamie & Fiadh.

Other Upcoming Events 25/26

- **School Closure for Staff Curricular Training:** Wednesday, February 4th
- **February Mid-Term Break:** Thursday & Friday, 19th & 20th Feb. '25
- **St. Patrick's Public Holiday Weekend:** Monday, March 16th & Tuesday, March 17th
- **First Reconciliation for 2nd Class:** Tuesday, March 24th at 7 PM in Wells
- **Easter Holidays:** Monday, March 30th – Friday, April 10th
- **First Holy Communion for 2nd Class:** Saturday, April 25th at 11 AM in Wells
- **School Closure for Curricular Staff Training:** Wednesday, May 6th
- **Confirmation Day for 6th Class:** Friday, May 22nd at 11 AM in NOF Church
- **Summer Holidays Begin:** Wednesday, June 24th at 12:00 noon.

Halloween fun in Clonmoney NS

