



Message from Principal

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! We had a turbulent start to the New Year with storm Éowyn but thankfully we survived it all, with some stories to tell.

Yet again, our sincere thanks to Joe Lynch, Supervalu, for kindly sponsoring an Easter egg for all of the children in our school. They will be given out on Friday and will add to the children's Easter egg collections!

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3 on Monday 28th April. Best wishes, Ms. Griffin.



Daffodil Day Fundraiser

On Friday 28th March, Claddaghduff N.S did a fundraiser in aid of The Irish Cancer Society. Ellie, a 6th class pupil came up with the idea to do this fundraiser as it is a charity that is close to her heart. We decided to do a non-uniform day with a splash of yellow. So far, €1398 has been raised. What an amazing achievement by everyone. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser and a big well done Ellie, we are very proud of your initiative!

St Patrick's Day Parade

Well done to all of the children who participated in the St. Patricks Day parade. The chosen theme was 'Celebrities' A fantastic effort was made and it was lovely to be part of the community event. A special thanks to Geraldine who organised the parade and for the generous donation of €350 that she gave to the school which will be used to pay for our school tour bus in June.



Birthday Baking

We have had 2 birthday baking sessions with all birthdays covered up until April! Special thanks to Martina for co-ordinating it all & for making sure everyone got some!

Pancake Tuesday

The kitchen was busy on Pancake Tuesday. Thanks to Martina & Maura for helping the children make their



Connemara Community Radio

Please tune into Connemara Community Radio on Monday 21st April, where our 6th Class pupil Michaela used her own initiative & has recorded her first radio show. I am privileged to have had preview of the show, & know that you will enjoy Michaela's wonderful presenting & music choices.

Dates for your diaries:

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| 2nd May: | 5th & 6th Class Confirmation |
| 3rd May: | 1st Holy Communion |
| 5th May: | School closed, bank holiday |
| 13th May: | 6th class day in CCS |
| 2nd June: | School closed, bank holiday |
| 5th June: | Welcome morning for new infants |
| 6th June: | School tours– whole school |
| 10th June: | 6th class graduation at 11.30am |
| 12th June: | GAA Rosmuc |
| 19th June: | Soccer in Letterfrack |
| 20th June: | Half day for the Summer holidays! |

Omey Walk

In March, we made the most of the fine days and headed to Omey. The Juniors went to the strand & did their PE & enjoyed a nature trail along the way. The seniors walked the whole island which was 10km from the school around the island and back. They took the binoculars with them and spotted plenty of wildlife along the way.



Doug Allen Visit

In February, we welcomed the talented photographer Doug Allan. Doug is a renowned wildlife photographer who has worked on projects such as 'The Blue Planet.' Doug gave very interesting talks to each classroom about his travels to the Arctic and Antarctic.



Valentines Fundraising Raffle

Thanks to all who supported our Parents Association Valentines fundraising raffle. Congratulations to Bobby and Clodagh who won the children's hampers and congratulations to Reece O' Toole who won the main hamper. This was presented to Freddie on his behalf.



St. Brigid's Day

The children brought in rushes and we were delighted to make St. Brigid's day crosses for them to bring home.



Claddaghduff Annual Spring Clean

As part of our ongoing commitment to Green Schools, we participated in An Taisce annual Spring Clean. The Senior room gathered litter from the school to Omey Strand and collected over 12 big bags. They even found two black bags left dumped behind the wall at Omey beach. The Junior room gathered litter between the school & Sweeney's. They did great work too. Bringing awareness to keeping the beautiful space we live in is very important to our school.



Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our two teams who went to Clifden entered into the credit Union Quiz in February. They had an enjoyable day and we are very proud of them.



Whalen Foundation Science Program

The Senior room travelled to The Clifden Town Hall to participate in The Whalen Foundation Science Fair. This year the theme of the program was a 'Marine Theme' which fitted in well with our Marine Theme Green Schools work. The children decided to do their project on SpongeBob marine characters. They did a great job and had an enjoyable day out.



Seisiún do Sheachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí seisiún ceol again taobh amuigh faoi sholas na gréine álainn, mar cuid dár ngníomhaíochtaí Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Enrolment Open 2025/2026

Enrolment is now open for new pupils who will join our school in 2025/2026 We will have a New Junior Infant open morning in June. See dates for your diary! Please contact the school if you need an enrolment form.

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