

CLADDAGHDUFF N.S NEWSLETTER

HALLOWEEN 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

As we approach the Halloween season, I'd like to wish everyone a happy, safe and fun-filled Halloween!

Whether you're dressing up, trick-or-treating, or simply enjoying some time with friends and family, I hope you make the most of it.

This is also a great time to relax and recharge as we head into the midterm break. A huge thank you to all our pupils for their great work and enthusiasm this term, and to our dedicated and hard working staff for their continued commitment and care.

Enjoy the festivities and the well-deserved break ahead, stay safe, have fun and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the coming months on Monday 3rd November!

Kind regards

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HALLOWEEN DRESS UP!



Dates for The Diary

Election: Closed Friday 24th October 2025
Mid term: Closed for the week 27th-31st October, re- opening Monday 3rd November 2025
Mass: First Holy Communion Enrolment & remembrance for November: Saturday 15th Nov @ 7pm
Christmas concert: Thursday 11th Dec @ 6pm
Christmas Holiday: School will close at 12pm on Friday 19th December and reopens Monday 5th Jan 2026
Swimming: 1st-6th Class: 14th Jan for 6 Weeks
Public Holiday: Mon 2nd February 2026
Mid term: 19th and 20th Feb 2026
St. Patricks Day: Closed 17th March 2026
Easter Holidays: Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April, reopening Monday 13th April 2026
First Holy Communion: Sat 18th April 2026 @ 12pm
Public Holiday: 4th May 2026
Public Holiday: 1st June 2026
Summer Holidays: Closing Friday 19th June 2026

Green School & Cooking Updates

This year we are moving on to our 9th Green School theme which is global citizenship and travel. We also came up with a 'Recycle Halloween Costumes' as a free recycling initiative as part of our commitment to being an active green school.

In September we harvested our garden crops and made vegetable soup for the whole school. It was so tasty!

The senior pupils also gathered blackberries and on another day made delicious blackberry & apple crumble for the whole school too!



Exploding Pumpkins

The Junior room were all busy scientists last week and did a great job making their pumpkins explode. They might even try it out at home!





Welcome to our new pupils

We're delighted to welcome our new Junior Infants and all the new pupils who have joined other classes this year. It's wonderful to have you as part of our school community. We look forward to learning, growing and making many happy memories together here at Claddaghduff N.S.



Rugby with Ethan

3rd-6th are finishing up our rugby sessions with Ethan Griffiths from Connacht Rugby. Ethan came weekly to teach us new rugby skills. They really enjoyed it!



Math's Week in pictures



Parents Association

Our Parents Association held their AGM in the school on Thursday 15th Oct. Fundraising plans were put in place for the coming year. Thanks to all for their support. Chairperson: Sharon Mulkerrin, Treasurer: Hazel Scullion & Secretary: Shannon Needham.

Music with Marie Walsh

We are excited to have Marie Walsh back doing music with the children. We are grateful to our active Parents Association for supporting music in our school.



Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

We are participating again in the Team Hope shoebox appeal. The flyers have been sent home. All filled and wrapped shoeboxes are to be returned to school by Wednesday 5th November. Thank you.



Clifden Arts Festival

We had yet another incredible Arts Week this year. Between the two classrooms, we welcomed: Seamus Uí Fhlatharta for a lovely music session, Ellen Curley for Irish dancing, Peter Carey came to sing some songs, Linda Shirmer did a modern dance workshop, Barra O' Flannaigh did a great drumming workshop, Tuesday Whitfield did character creations & story telling, Aisling O'Brein came for a clay workshop, Author Claire Hynes, Carol & Madeline from the Connemara National Park, Graham Sales for an AI & Stem talk, Eoin Warner for a wildlife documentary talk, Betty and the Baby Boomers band for music, Tony Curtis, Sean O' Coisdealbha & Terry McDonagh for poetry sessions, Fidget Feet for parade prep, True North band, Sketchcancaravan for a puppet show, and we finished up with the seniors participating with Luxe in the Grande Finale Parade in Clifden.

We are so grateful to Brendan Flynn, Des Lally, Nikki Snow & the Arts Festival Committee for bringing this amazing schools program to our school. Our children are so lucky to have been exposed to these fantastic Arts Festival events.

Clifden Arts Festival in Pictures

