

Claddaghduff N.S Spring Newsletter 2026



Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of Term Two, I want to congratulate our students and staff on a busy and successful term. Special thanks to our parents too for their ongoing support. Everyone has worked really hard and now it's time to enjoy a well-deserved Easter break. I hope you all have a lovely holiday, filled with plenty of chocolate!

Looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of the school year on Monday 13th April. Best wishes, Ms. Griffin

Reading Buddies

The whole school have been enjoying reading buddies this term which we started on World Book Day. Each child picked a free book from The Clifden Bookshop with their book day tokens. It's always great to see the younger and older children reading together.



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St Patrick's Day Parade

Claddaghduff N.S were delighted to participate in The Claddaghduff St. Patricks Day Parade. Our theme was 'Where's Wally in Co. Galway'. Well done to everyone for making such a fantastic effort. The children looked super and had a great time. Thanks to Geraldine for all of her hard work organising this event.



Cooking in the Kitchen

Pancake Tuesday.... Yummy!



Juniors making 'Green Buns' for St. Patrick's Day!



Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our two teams who represented the school at this years credit union quiz, both teams did great and came overall 2nd on the day! We are very proud of their great achievement.



Valentines Hamper



Thanks to our Parents Association for organising the Valentines fundraising raffle. Congratulations to Maureen McLoughlin who won the fabulous main Valentines hamper and to our Junior and Senior room hamper winners too. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser. The funds raised will pay for the cost of the swimming bus.

Swimming

The children from 1st to 6th class did their six weeks of swimming lessons in Jan/Feb. Swimming and water safety is an important part of the curriculum and this is a great opportunity to build on the children's swimming skills and gain confidence in the water.



Whalen Foundation Science Program

We are enjoying participating in the Whalen Foundation Science program. Declan Holmes has been doing lessons with the children. A Science Fair will be held in The Clifden Town Hall on Mon 27th April. All are welcome. Thanks to Mrs. Marie Bourke for the fantastic job she does co-ordinating the science program in Connemara.

St. Brigid's Day

On the 1st of February, we celebrated St. Brigid's Day & the children made St. Brigid's crosses to bring home. We have many talented St. Brigid's cross makers.



Green Schools- Speed Surveys

In January we carried out speed surveys with our Green Schools Co-Ordinator Lorraine, we are currently working on the theme of Travel. The children loved using the speed gun!



Dates for our diaries:

Sat 18th April: First Holy Communion
 Mon 4th May: Bank holiday
 Fri 15th May: Closure for curriculum training
 Thurs 28th May: Senior Room school tour
 Mon 1st June: Bank holiday
 Fri 5th June: Junior Room school tour
 Tue 9th June: 6th class graduation
 Fri 19th June: Last day of term before the Summer

Food Dudes

This term the whole school participated in 'The Food Dudes' healthy eating program. It is school-based programme that encourages children to eat more fruit and vegetables. The children enjoyed the program and also created some lovely food themed art.



Healthy Eating Talk

In February we were delighted to welcome Dietitian, Aebhin Sheridan. Aebhin did an excellent presentation about the importance of healthy eating. It took the children a while to figure out who's sister she is!! Special thank you to Aebhin for spending the time with us.



Omey Island Walk

On Thursday 19th March the older children seized the opportunity of the fine day and walked the whole of Omey Island. They enjoyed seeing plenty signs of Spring and took in the magnificent scenery that can be seen on Omey Island.

