

Scoil Mhuire Clondra NS Newsletter



DECEMBER 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It has been a very busy term here in school. We are still really missing Mrs. Mc Manus and still getting used to not seeing her every day. We know she is enjoying some well-earned rest.

Practice for the Christmas concert is in full swing and it is giving the school a great sense of excitement. We can't wait to see all the children take to the stage and shine.

We are working hard on our school self-evaluation in the area of wellbeing. We thank you for your engagement so far and hope you will continue to support us while we are in the gathering evidence phase.

This is our first newsletter and you can now look forward to one each term, keeping you up to date with all the brilliant things going on in school.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Nollaig Shona
Melissa Hussey



After many years' service we are finally retiring our football jerseys and we're pleased to say, we have a brand new set. Heartfelt thanks to D&E McHugh for sponsoring our new jerseys which I'm sure will see lots of wear and enjoyment over the next generation of Clondra NS football teams.

*If you have good thoughts, they will
shine out of your face like sunbeams
and you will always look lovely.*

Roald Dahl

Cumann na mBunscol League Final Win!

Killian Owens and Malachy Galvin

We started playing Killasona as the first team in our football league. We won the match very happily. Our captain for the match was Josh Byrne. This match was played in the main Granard pitch. The second team we played was Granard and we won yet again! Our captain for that match was Aaron Cox. This match was played in Killashee pitch. Aughnagarron was our third and hardest match in the league. The score was 6 -12 to 7-12. It was played in Abbylara we came out on top but not easily. Our captains were Malachy Galvin and Lorcan McDermott.

Ballinamuck was our fourth game. We won thankfully and Killian Owens was our captain. This was one of our best and hardest matches to win. We fought to the end and won. That meant that we were in the final against.....Killasona! They had an amazing team. Both teams came out fighting. We wanted to win as much as they did. Everything was on the line and we were hungry for the shield, praise and the win. The commitment of the coaches Deirdre Owens and Dayna Doherty were amazing and were a key part in our victory. Our two amazing captains were Malachy Galvin and Lorcan McDermott who were the ones who proudly lifted the shield in the end. This final match was played in Drumlish pitch.

We've all enjoyed the league immensely and we would like to thank everyone for their support. Looking forward to the championship.



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Christmas Jumper Day
in aid of St Vincent de Paul
will take place on
21 December.
Parents can donate by
sending €2 or any small donation to the school with
children on the day or through our school's online
donation link which we will send to parents by
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December

Michael Mc	Ruairi S	Dean
Alex H	Finlay	Joanne
Tony	Danny Mc	Brody

January

John N	Sean	Kian F
Roisin	Malachy	Jake D
Amber D	Alex L	

Dates for your Diary

December

- 13th: Junior Room and 3rd & 4th Class concerts
- 14th: 1st & 2nd and 5th & 6th Class Concerts
- 19th: Christmas Raffle
- 21st: Christmas Jumper Day
- 22nd: Christmas Holidays. School finishes for all at 12noon

January

- 08 School reopens after holidays.

Congratulations!

Well done Evelyn Hallahan who came second in the Gymstart National Awards.

Congrats also to Caitlín, Tara, Joanne, Kinga, Brody, Eoin, Cian, Alex L., Killian, Katie C. and Michaela D. whose illustrations were chosen for the book, More Quirky Tales. They will be presented with a copy of the book by a special guest at the launch on Saturday 16 December in Edgeworthstown library. All children who took part and their families are also invited to the launch.

Hurling news

By Ashley McMahon and Danny McDermott

Over the past 4 weeks, students from 4th-6th classes have been playing in an indoor hurling blitz after school in Newtownforbes. There are 3 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams, involving 36 students altogether.

Out of 30 matches Clondra have won 26.

We are all through to a final after Christmas and we hope to win.

Christmas Cracker

What do they sing at a snowman's
birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Wishing all our pupils, parents and families and happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

