



Cloughduv N.S Newsletter

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Welcome to the Cloughduv National School Newsletter, written for you by some of our students. We do lots of fun events in our school and this newsletter is to tell you about the main things we have been up to.

Junior Infants

Our new junior infants are off to a great start this year. They have settled in really well.



Hurling and Football

During this term Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd class have been working on their hurling skills with Paddy. They enjoy using the big sliotars and have lots of fun.

Rory and Joe from Kilmurry have been coaching third and fourth class in football. They do lots have training drills with the coaches. The pupils love it.



Irish Water Safety

The whole school had a visit from Andrew in Irish Water Safety. He explained the importance of staying safe around water. We learned about the different flags on the beach and how to correctly wear a life jacket.

Halloween Costume Swap Shop

The Halloween Costume Swap Shop was organised by our Parents' Association to raise money for our school trip to Ryecourt Woods and the Kilmichael Ambush Site. You could get costumes or toys and there was sweets too. Our 6th class were helpers on the day and they raised over €600! WOW



6th Class Hoodies

Recently our 6th class got their hoodies. They are delighted with them. They got them from BOF Sports. The hoodies were customised with their initials and signatures on the back. It is nice to see the Class of 2026 stand out.



Visit from Senator Eileen Lynch

On the 20th October Senator Eileen Lynch came in to talk to the 4th to 6th class about politics and about ways to make our community better. We had lots of ideas for her and she answered lots of our questions. The committees/ councils in the school spoke too.



Kilmichael Ambush

On the 17th of October, 3rd class up to 6th class went to see the site of the Kilmichael ambush. This is where the Irish army attacked the British army during the War of Independence in 1920. When we got there Mr. McElroy talked to us about what happened at the ambush and we walked around the path to see the memorial statues to the soldiers who had died. We also saw where Tom Barry stopped the British soldiers and threw a grenade in their truck.. Ms Coakley showed us a gun that was used at the ambush. Then we went back to where the big statue was and we sang a famous song called the 'Boys of Kilmichael'. We had our picture taken and then we got on the bus and returned to school.



Maths Week

During October we celebrated Maths Week. Daniel, Sonny, Ella and Abigail created maths trails for each of the classes to enjoy. They took each class in groups and looked at maths in the world around us.



Cross Country

In September we went to the cross country. Four people made it from each class. We had to go there on a bus. The bus journey was great fun. There was a lot of people in each race. When we lined up we had to line up in the place we came in trials. It was tiring but everyone did well in their race. Everyone had great fun and some people won medals.



Sciath na Scol

During the past month 4th 5th and 6th class started their Sciath na Scol campaign. They lost their first match against Aghabullogue. They won their next two matches against Shanbally and Monkstown and qualified for the semi-final. In the semi-final they played against Carrigtwohill and were very unlucky not to win. In the end they lost by a point but everyone played well. It was a great achievement making it to the semi-final.



Ryecourt Woods

The whole school took the bus down to Ryecourt woods. We walked through the woods and collected colourful leaves and conkers. We learned how to skim stones in the water and we learned how Ryecourt house was burned down during the war of Independence. We visited the Rye family graveyard and then headed back to school.

