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# Clonburris N.S.

## Our Lady Queen of Apostles

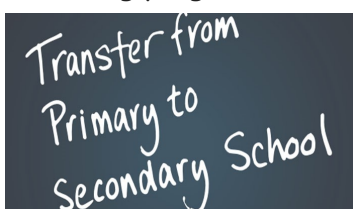
### Newsletter February 2020

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#### Making Connections

Some of our 5th class girls visited Coláiste Bríde to take part in physical activities organised by a transition year group who are 'Young Social Innovators'. The transition years and those involved in the Active Flag programme in Coláiste Bríde also organised a 'Glow Party' for 5th and 6th class boys and girls in Clondalkin. A great opportunity for our pupils to meet other primary pupils and visit one of our local secondary schools!



#### Cross Country

Well done to all the boys and girls from 3rd-6th classes who completed their first cross country race recently! Great results! Thanks to Mr. Ryan, Ms. Ruddy, Ms. Carolan and Mr. Masterson for volunteering their time after school on Thursdays. Thanks also to the parents who walked to the race with our pupils.

Training continues on Thursdays @2:30pm.



#### Fair Trade Conference 2020

Five of our Student Council represented us brilliantly at this conference. They were the only primary school representatives there. Ciara Holland from Fairtrade Ireland said their ideas and suggestions for promoting

Fairtrade were fantastic. Well done!

**Fair Trade Fortnight 2020** This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. We will be hosting a Fairtrade bakery competition in Aras Chronain on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00. The wonderful Catherine Leyden from Virgin Media will be our judge and prizes will be awarded in the children and adult section. Drop in your Art entries to Clondalkin Library from the 24<sup>th</sup> February until the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

#### School Hours

The school opens at 8.30 for those children who are dropped off early and they are accommodated and supervised in the school hall. Children go to their classrooms at 8.45 and classes start at 9am. It is important that your child is in school on time. If they are going to be late, please write a note in the school journal. Please phone the school if your child is sick.

#### Child Safety & Parking

Please do not turn or park your car at the main entrance to the school (marked by 4 traffic cones) as this endangers the lives of children as they walk into school. A big thank you to all the parents who have cooperated with this request to date.



**Active Flag** GAA coaching in the school will start with Junior Infants after midterm with Coach Shane coming in from Round Towers GAA Club.

Each class up to 5th class will work with Shane for four weeks until June. Mark from Sport in Schools will be coming back after midterm to do a gymnastics program for 6 weeks with 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. This proved very popular last year so we are really looking forward to his return. The soccer season will kick off after midterm with 11 a side league matches for boys and girls in 5th and 6th classes taking place as well as a The Spar 5-aside blitz which was a big hit last year. Well done to all classes for their continued effort and involvement in making Clonburris an Active School.

**Engineers Week 2020** This runs from the 28<sup>th</sup> February to the 6<sup>th</sup> March in Clonburris. We will be constructing water towers, calculating water wastage and trying to get clean water from dirty water. Please save your 2litre bottles for us!!! Mrs Galvin's 3<sup>rd</sup> class will present their findings at the RDS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We are delighted they have been chosen to show the wonderful Science work being done in all classes.

#### Dates for you Diary

Parents' Association Cake Sale: Fri 14th Feb  
Mid Term Break: Mon 17th—Fri 21nd Feb  
First Penance: Thurs 27th Feb @ 11am  
Ceremony of Light: Wed 4th March @ 7pm  
Confirmation: Thurs 12th March (school closed)

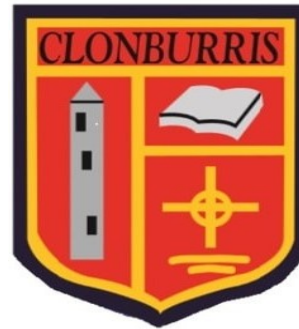
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**HSCL HOME/SCHOOL/COMMUNITY LIAISON** While your child is attending Clonburris we are always delighted to see parents and guardians involved in our school community. Drop into school, or get in touch with Ms. Kerins at 083 8490219 or email [HomeschClonburris@gmail.com](mailto:HomeschClonburris@gmail.com).

### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

**Paired Reading** Paired reading in 1st class finished this week. Thank you to all the parents who came in to participate and be their own child's reading buddy. The children loved having a chance to read with a parent in their classroom.



**Find Your Inspiration** Fifth class teachers have received training in this and they are delivering this programme to their classes. There will also be a follow up visit from volunteers from local business-

es and hopefully a visit for the pupils to a third level institution.

**One Book project** Fourth class are starting to read Eoin Colfer's Artemis Fowl. They will do projects and activities on the book and will receive a free copy for themselves. We hope to have *One Book* projects for Senior Infants next term. Details to follow.



**Junior Achievement** is ongoing in some classes. We are delighted to see so many local companies sending volunteers into our school.

The children really engage with this scheme.



**Grandparents Day** on January 31st was a tremendous success. We were delighted to see so many of our grandparents, parents and great-grandparents on the day! Our grandparents are truly the backbone of our school and it was a pleasure to welcome them on the day.

### ADULT COURSES

**Friday art classes:** Starting February 14th in the HSCL room at 9am. A nice way to start your weekend, feeling relaxed and refreshed! Come along to this class and feel free to bring a friend. All parents, grandparents and guardians welcome!

**Irish classes:** Continue on Thursdays at 10:15am–11:15am. Every level is catered for, whether you are a complete beginner or improver. Ideal for helping your child with their Irish homework.



**Step into Spring—walking group:** We hope to continue with our walking group after mid term. Details to follow. We will join up with a larger group for a lap of Corkagh Park. A great way to get fit with good company, rain, hail or shine!



### **Seachtain Na Gaeilge (Irish week)**

This week is celebrated from the 9th to 13th of March. There will be an emphasis all things Irish in school, and we will end with a ceol-choirm (concert) for the children on the Friday. Here are some phrases to practise with your child at home in preparation for the week.

Cad is ainm duit? *What is your name?*  
Oliver is ainm dom. *My name is Oliver.*  
Conas a tá tú? *How are you?*  
Tá mé go hiontach. *I'm great.*

Slán abhaile / slán leat *Safe home / goodbye*

**Some useful websites** [www.cula4.ie](http://www.cula4.ie)—Irish cartoons etc. [www.snag.ie](http://www.snag.ie)— official homepage of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

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