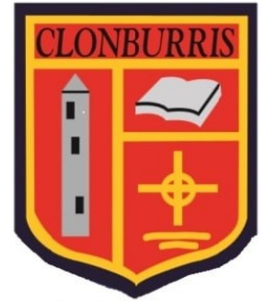

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Thank You!

A message from Ms. Morley A brief message to say thanks to all who are supporting our efforts to keep our school community safe since the end of August. A huge thanks from me to our staff here in Clonburriss who are doing a great job of making each school day as normal as possible for the children. Let's hope and pray that those in other communities follow the HSE guidelines as well. We'll update you all when more information is given to us and we look forward to our Christmas school based activities.



Christmas Fair The Christmas Fair is back and it's going to be bigger and better. Our Christmas Fair will be held from the 14th - 16th of December. Our 6th class pupils will create a Christmas wonderland for all our students to enjoy. Each class will be given a time slot over the course of the 3 days to enjoy the wonderful crafts, games, stocking fillers, cakes etc. on sale.

Our Christmas Fair will also see the return of our hugely successful Christmas Raffle. We are asking all parents who are in a position to donate raffle prizes to do so via our school secretary - Patricia, Ms Kerins - our HSCL or our Parents Association. We hope that we can rely on your very generous support again this year. As you are aware our famous Christmas Concert is a massive fundraising event for our school and with it not going ahead for a second year we are asking parents to support our Christmas Fair in any way they can. Thank you in advance.



Science Week

Science week began on the 7th November and we are going to continue it for another week. Classes are making solar ovens and windmills, investigating chromatography and seeing if tomatoes could grow on Mars (Heinz are actually doing this!) If you would like to further your child's interest or help them with experiments at home, the following websites are all great!

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://www.projectnoah.org/>

Science page on school website runs competitions from time to time so keep an eye out for it!

<http://www.clonburrissns.ie/science.html>

Active Flag

Children have been taking part in the Active

Break challenge everyday in the month of November and have really been enjoying this. Playground Leaders are doing great work in the Junior Infants - 2nd class yards helping the children enjoy games and activities while staying active during break times.

GAA

GAA competitions for girls and boys are pencilled in to resume in February, where they will get to represent the school against other schools in the locality.



Marathon kids

Children in 5th and 6th class are nearly finished the program and will complete the final mile in the coming weeks with medals and T-shirt's being presented to each participant. We are looking forward to our annual activities in December where we will have our 12 days of Fitmas and our Santa Dash.



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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. Call the school, or get in touch with Ms. Kerins at 083 8490219 or email hscl@clonburrisns.ie.

Space Week

Space week was as usual greeted with great excitement and super engagement by all classes.



Well done to all who participated. We saw amazing recreations of solar systems, paintings and lots of really creative work.

Budding Sounds

We are so lucky in Clonburris to be part of an exciting new initiative, "Budding Sounds". The composer Robert Coleman has teamed up with Climate Love Ireland and has invited our 5th classes to work with them to produce a piece of music and plant new trees. The project will run all year with workshops and visits from Rob and his team. Each child will be given a tree to plant in their garden and will take part in a series of fun workshops! We are looking forward to it!



Irish Language classes for adults

Our Irish language classes for our parents, guardians and grandparents are back! The Irish language classes will help you to improve your own Irish. You'll be able to help your child practise their Irish and with their homework too! So whether you are a **complete beginner** or an **improver**, you are welcome come along and log in!



Where: All lessons will be online via Zoom.

When: Tuesdays @ 9:30am

If you are interested email hscl@clonburrisns.ie or call/text 083-8490219.

4 The Family

This workshop is currently running via Zoom. It focuses on 4 areas of family life—play, technology, parenting and healthy lifestyle. If you are interested in joining in, please email hscl@clonburrisns.ie, or call or text Ms. Kerins on 083-8490219.



Dates for your Diary

Halloween Break: Oct 25th – Oct 29th (inclusive)

Christmas Break: Dec 22nd (half-day) - reopen Jan 6th

Mid-Term: Feb 21st–25th (closed)

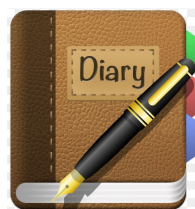
St. Patricks Day (National Bank Holiday): School closed March 17th and 18th

Easter Break: Finish at 12pm April 8th, reopen Monday 25th April

May Mid-term: May 2nd– May 3rd (closed)

June Bank Holiday: June 6–June 7th (closed)

Summer Break: June 30th (finish at 12pm)



IMPORTANT Safety Notice

Please do not turn your cars at the entrance to the senior yard as the children enter and leave the school. When collecting your child from the yard at home-time please follow the one way walk into and out of the yard.



Christmas holidays

We will be closed at 12pm on Wednesday 22nd December for Christmas and we will reopen on January 6th.

