

Clintyclay News

October 2017



Exciting Times Ahead

It's been a very busy start to the school year here at Clintyclay Primary School. And the next half term promises to be even busier and will bring some exciting developments.

Some of you who have been doing the school run may have seen work men around the school. They have been carrying out some essential repairs to the school building

As the year progresses these will continue to ensure that the facilities here at Clintyclay are the best we can possibly provide for our children.

Fr Donaghy and the parish have given us the very generous gift of a mobile which subject to planning approval will be on site on the 8th of December.

This building will house our third classroom and is big enough to allow us to provide a dedicated

computer suite and library for the children's use.

It is our hope that once it is set up we will be able to open the computer suite in the evenings for use by community groups.

We also have plans in place to develop the outdoor area of the school to include new play equipment.

Hand in hand with this

expansion of the facilities we have had a growth in the population of the school and for the first time in many years we will have well over 40 children on roll.

I am sure you share our delight at the growth in our school enrolment. This increase in numbers allows us for the first time ever in the 125 years of the school being open to employ a third teacher on a temporary basis and to welcome Mrs Mc Geown back to provide some additional assistance in the classroom.

Our Early years children

Reception, Primary 1 and 2 will stay with

Mrs Donnelly in their current classroom

While the children in Key Stage 1

Primary 3 and 4 will be taught by

Miss Cahalane,

primarily in the resource room before moving to the third classroom when the new mobile is on site.

This allow us to

maintain small class sizes and ensure that every child is accessing high quality teaching and learning experiences and the individual care and attention we are committed to providing for

every child here at Clintyclay.

These arrangements will be in place from after the midterm break.

With Primary 3 children staying until 3pm.

I believe Miss Cahalane will be a wonderful addition to our school community and has a wealth of talent and love of teaching young children.

I have no doubt you will share this opinion as you get to know her in the coming weeks.

She has spent some time over the last few days working along side Mrs Donnelly and the children in class.

We as a staff are committed to ensuring that the transition from one teacher to the next is very smooth for all the children in Key Stage 1.

We will try to limit all site work to the weekends, and dates when the school is closed to minimize

disruption and to ensure that the health and safety of our children is paramount.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience while all this will comes into being.

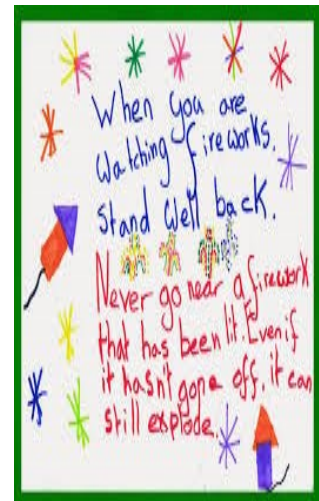
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly.

Miss Hampsey

School will be closed for MidTerm Break

Monday 30 th & Tuesday 31st October

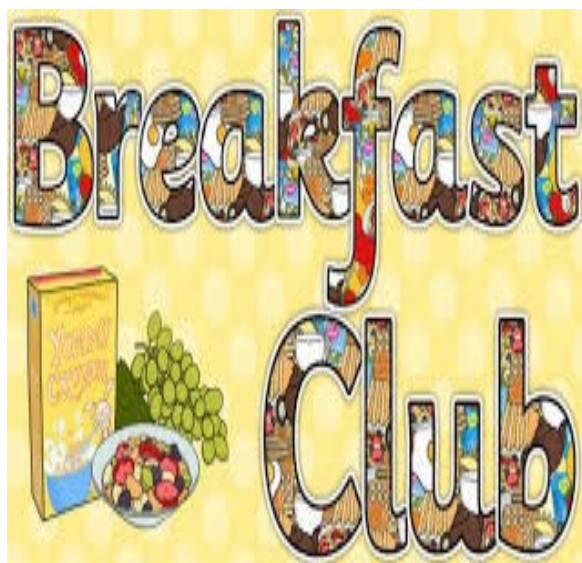
And reopen on Wednesday 1st November



Important Dates for your diary.

Confirmation Sunday 6th May 2018

First Communion Saturday 26th May 2018 (to be confirmed)



Here at Clintyclay we are always looking for ways to improve the services we provide for our children and their families.

We are ever mindful of the needs of working parents and feel that providing a breakfast club in school will go some way to making the morning school drop off before work easier for you.

From **Wednesday 1st of November** the school will be open from **8.00am**, for any children who wish to avail of the service.

Hot chocolate, / juice and toast will be served in the lunch hall at a cost of 50p per morning.

This session is open to all the children from Reception to Primary 7 and will be fully supervised by a member of staff at all times.

Budding Scientists

The buzz word in the media surrounding Education at the minute seems to be S.T.E.A.M. that's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths in layman's terms.

The children in the early years have got ahead of the game and are already carrying out experiments as part of their topic work based on the theme of "harvest".

The children are encouraged even from an early age to use correct scientific language such as,

fair test, equipment, method, predict, record, sequence, conclusions and evaluate.

They also learn to use skills such as prediction, giving reasons for their answers, evaluation, recording.



The Great Clintyclay Bake Off

Our Key Stage 1 children have been working on instructions as their writing focus in Literacy and what better way to test your ability to give and follow clear instructions than following a recipe to bake some delicious buns.

The whole school was filled with the smell of their baking as they measured, mixed, whisked and iced their delicious creations.

This has given Miss Hampsey a great idea for holding a coffee morning and bake sale in the near future to help us raise some funds to buy equipment for our new Computer Suite.

School Mass To Celebrate The Start Of Our School Year

At 1.30pm on the 11th of October 2017 we gathered to celebrate mass with our new priest Fr Donaghy along with our parents and grandparents.

Before anyone arrived we had been practiced our hymns readings and prayers. I led the responsorial psalm and I was happy to have been chosen for such an important job.

Our parents and grandparents arrived first and as they were taking their seats Fr Donaghy arrived. When he changed into his robes and everyone was seated

we began the mass.

Cerys greeted everyone on behalf of the children.

After mass all the parents and grandparents were invited to go into the lunch hall for a cup of tea or coffee and some buns while the children had juice and sweets and played outside.

We all had a lovely afternoon and were very happy to be able to have so many members of our families to join us for such a special occasion.

Daniel Cullen
Primary 7

Thank you to the committee of
Clonmore Robert Emmett's.

They have secured funding to provide all the children in Clintyclay Primary School with an 8 week programme of Fundamental Movement and Skills Development.

This will begin in November and run right through to Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming the clubs youth coaches to the school.

(All coaches are Access NI vetted)

Reading with your child

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are seven ways to build a better reader from birth to age five!

1. Create reading rituals and read together every day
2. Snuggle up close with a book
3. Talk about the pictures and ask questions
4. Share different kinds of books
5. Read with expression
6. Read favourite books again and again
7. Record yourself reading and play it on car trips or as an alternative to television



'good readers are made on the lap of a parent'

All Set Sharing Cultures

The children in Key Stage 2 have been invited to join in an initiative fully funded by Mid Ulster Council.

The children will be joining with their peers in Killyman and Laghey primary school to learn about each others cultures. Through Music, Movement and Dance.

This is a six week programme some activities will be based here in Clintyclay and others will involve the children travelling to meet with their friends in the other schools.

This we hope will be the start of lots of shared Education projects that our children will be involved in together.

There will be a celebration event at the end of the project that we hope all parents will be invited to.



Clintyclay Primary School Safeguarding Team

Talk to the
Principal
Miss Hampsey



Talk to the
Designated or
Deputy Designated
Teacher for
Child Protection



Talk to your
teacher or
classroom assistant



Pupils



Miss C. McKee
Child Protection Governor



Miss F. Hampsey
Principal / Designated Teacher



Mr G Cunningham
Chairperson BOG



Mrs C. Donnelly
Deputy Designated Teacher

Talk to the
Child Protection Governor or
Chairperson of the Board of Governors



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HAVE FUN STAY SAFE FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE



Enjoy yourselves on firework night
Rockets and sparklers a wonderful sight
Dangerous if handled so be aware
Always ask grownups to handle with care.