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"This school should be used as a model for other schools around the country" - The Minister for Education and Science



"I get the sense that this is a school that really 'gets' boys." - Catherine Shanahan, Irish Examiner

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**21/02/2022**

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## Admission Notice for 2022/2023

Dear Parents we are now taking applications for **Junior Infants and other classes for 2022/2023**. Please click on this link to see our [Admission Notice](#) and click here to order an [Admission \(Enrolment\) form](#). Please click here to view our new [Brochure for 2022](#).

We have now sent offers to everyone who has completed the Admission Form. Parents have to reply to this offer by Thursday 17th of February.

Below you can see our first ever **Virtual Tour of Scoil na mBuachaillí** – a day in the life of the school.



Our Virtual Tour



Camerman

*Many thanks to Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice and cameraman Ethan Deasy for creating this video, to the staff of the school for their assistance and to all the boys and girls who are the stars of the show!*

## Rang a Dó – Crafts

Rang a dó were learning about the ‘Spring Feasts’ and enjoyed making some Valentines pizza boxes! We also celebrated St. Bridget’s Day learning about St. Bridget’s life and the legend of Bridget. The boys also explored how to make St. Bridget’s Crosses.







## Chess Club in O'Donovan's Hotel

Monday nights at 7pm Clonakilty Chess Club meets in O'Donovan's hotel. I would like invite pupils and parents to attend if available. I know well that the pupils of the school learn chess at a high level and we would be delighted to have them with us. Thank you for taking this email and look forward to seeing ye. Regards, James O'Brien

## Clonakilty GAA – underage enrolling

### Clonakilty GAA 2022 Season

#### **Under 6 GAA Nursery**

The 2022 Underage Season will soon be upon us. We are now welcoming boys born in 2016 and in 2017 to our Under 6 Nursery Group this year. Training for our Nursery Group focuses on the fundamental skills of throwing, catching and kicking the football / striking the sliothar and on balance, running, jumping, hand eye coordination and fun. All of our Coaches are Garda Vetted and fully trained to a minimum of Foundation level coaching under the GAA Coaching Standards of Education. We welcome people of all backgrounds and skill levels to the club and we aim to provide a safe, secure and fun environment where the boys can learn the fundamentals of our national games, learn about representing their community and create friendships that last a lifetime. Under 6 training takes place on Saturday Mornings at 10.00am at our 4G All Weather Astro Turf Pitch at our Complex in Ahamilla. Our membership registration process for 2022 is a fully online process, you can request to register your membership and pay the annual membership rates via the Clubforce App, you can download the App to your android or iPhone via all good App Stores and search for Clonakilty GAA or alternatively go to [www.clonakiltygaa.ie](http://www.clonakiltygaa.ie) and follow the membership link.

If you have any questions on the registration process you can contact the UnderAge Club Registrar at [registrarclon@outlook.com](mailto:registrarclon@outlook.com).

**All Other Underage Groups:**

Registration is now also open for all other age groups, we have teams in both Hurling and Football from Under 7 – Under 17, for existing members please pay your membership via the Clubforce App. For any boys new to the area or looking to take up GAA for the first time or looking to come back to GAA after a period of absence please register via the Clubforce App or if you have any questions or queries please contact the UnderAge Club Registrar at [registrarclon@outlook.com](mailto:registrarclon@outlook.com).

***Please note that Clubforce is the only online App you can register and pay your membership for Clonakilty GAA.***

Membership rates for 2022 are available on the Clubforce App, if you have any questions or need clarification on anything please don't hesitate to contact us via the Registrar Email above. Kind Regards, Sean Daly, Club Registrar & David O'Brien, Underage Club Registrar, Clonakilty GAA, Ahamilla GAA Complex, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. [www.clonakiltygaa.ie](http://www.clonakiltygaa.ie)

## Debating in Sixth class



## Kater4Kidz

Senior Infants and Seniors/First enjoyed a cook-along for tasty tomato bruschettas. The workshop was very informative and the students also learned all about the tomato plant.





## Science experiment based on our story of the week 'Puffling and The Egg'

Ms. Hodnett's class were doing a Science experiment on Friday, 11th of February.

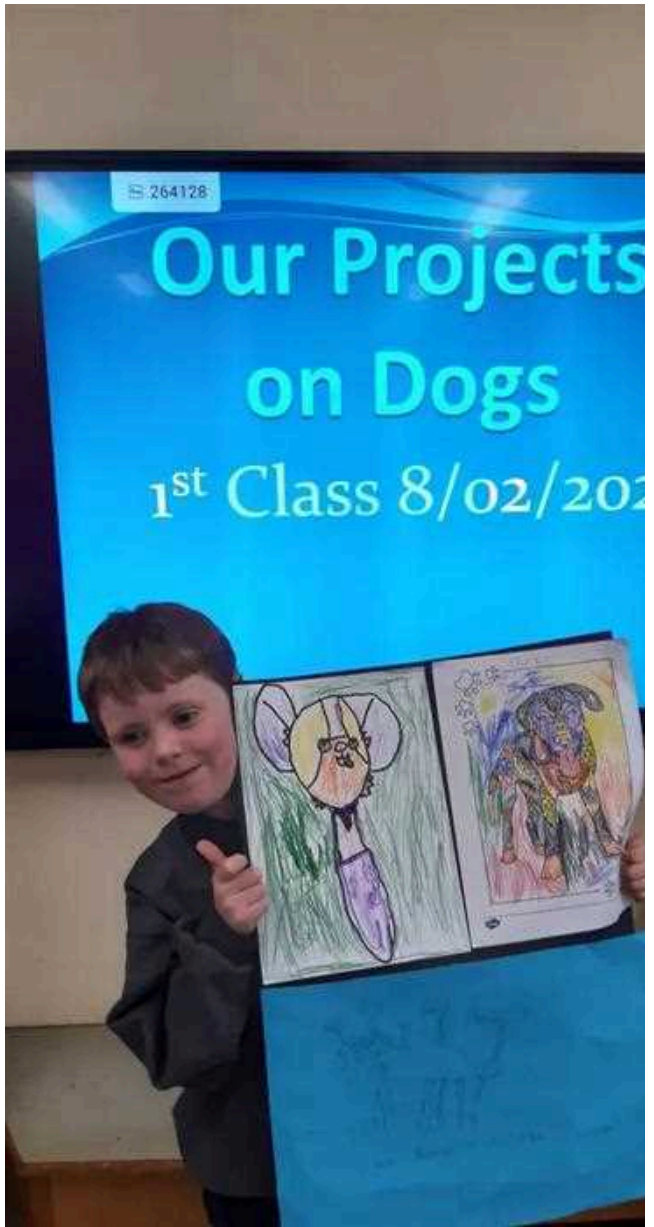


**Rang 2/3 – Chinese New Year**



**Rang 1 – presenting our dogs (and some cats)**







## West Cork Schoolboys Squad 2022

Congratulations to Lovro Kordic and Aidan Whooley who have been chosen for the

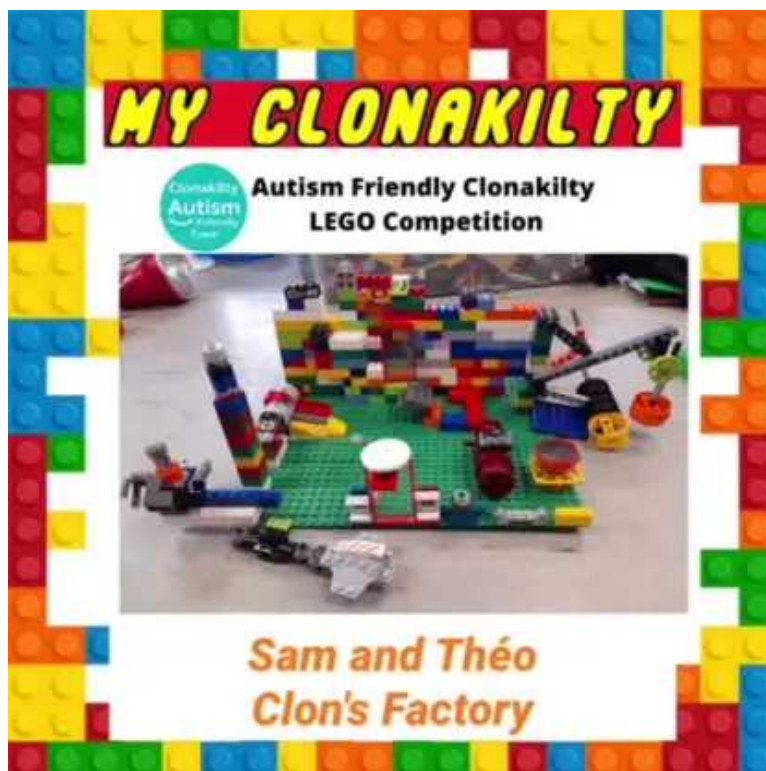
West Cork Schoolboys Squad for 2022.



## Autism Friendly Clonakilty Lego Competition

Autism Friendly Clonakilty Lego Competition

The boys in **Senior Infants** have been busy putting their building skills to the test. They were very creative and imaginative in their designs. Check out the video to see their creations.



## 1000 bottles of Water so far and now it's 2000!

Jamal is pictured below, he is the 1000th person who have filled their bottles at the Water Refiller Station and next to him is Conor, he is the 2000th person!



## Rang 4 & Rang 6 making St. Bridget's Crosses





## Dates for your Diary

- **Enrolling for next year (2022/2023):** is currently underway. Please see above. We are offering places to children for 2022/2023 on Wednesday 2nd of February. Parents have to accept places by Thursday 17th of February.
- **February Mid-Term Break:** 24th and 25th.
- **St. Patrick's Day and ..:** Wednesday 17th March and Friday the 18th of March
- **Easter Holidays:** Friday 8th of April at 12.00 p.m.. Return Monday 25th of April.
- **School Closed:** Monday 2nd of May.
- **Communion:** Saturday 7th of May, 2022 @ 11.00 a.m.
- **School Closed:** Monday 16th of May.
- **School Closed:** Friday 3rd and Monday 6th of June.
- **Summer Musical:** 15th, 16th and 17th of June or the following week.
- **Summer Holidays:** Tuesday 28th June @ 12.00 p.m.
- **Sixth Class Party:** to be decided.



Below you can see the most up to date calendar with the swimming changes included also.

School Calendar	Swimming and Notifications	The Libris is published each month, through the library. There is no Libris in December.	PARENT'S CALENDAR		2021/2022	
12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31	Parent-Teacher Meetings: School Leaving (12-13-14)		Spring of School: 1st Term			
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## Fees for 2022

- **Rental Scheme:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€30 for Classes 1st – 6th.**
- **Photocopying Fee:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€20** for all classes – including Special Classes.
- **Art and Craft:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€12** for all classes – including Special Classes.
- **French:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€8** for classes Rang 2 – Rang 6 for each term.
- **Elocution:** for all classes Juniors – Rang 6. **€7.50 in total.** Many parents have paid already for this. Don't worry, you can't pay twice.

## The Samburu Tribe make Mr. Harrington an honorary member of the tribe

Written by Isaac Wade Rang 6

Today in Scoil na mBuachaillí Mr. Harrington was appointed an honoree member of the Samburu Tribe in Kenya. It all began when Mr Harrington wrote a song called Home and our school got to perform on the Opera House stage with the West Cork Ukulele Orchestra. Clodagh was watching and she told her friend Marlien. Marlien was travelling in Kenya when her car broke down. The Samburu Tribe cared for her and even repaired her car and Clodagh founded the Thorntree Project to support the Samburu Tribe.

Then they got an idea of the children in Samburu singing with the children of Scoil na mBuachaillí. She then asked Mr. Harrington to write a song about school and the

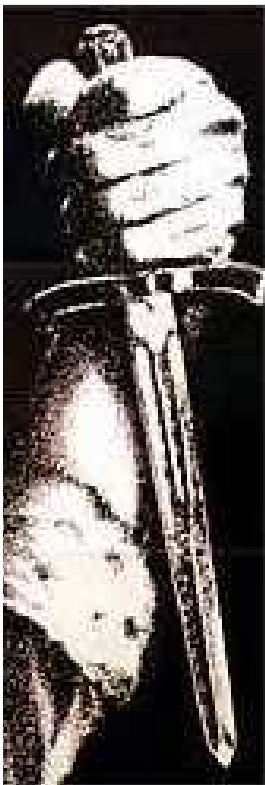
Samburu Tribe and that is when he wrote Butterfly Child. In Scoil na mBuachaillí we have performed it every year since then. Mr. Harrington became an honoree member for his generosity and kindness for raising money over the past six years. Clodagh and Marlien sent us a video and also 275 fortune cookies because it was such great fortune to meet Mr. Harrington.







## Macbeth – The Musical – rehearsals



Rehearsals of the songs started on Monday 17th of January. Interviews are progressing at the moment. Below you can see photos of successful applicants.

## Enrolment | Community College dates

**February  
2022**

*Message from Community College 17/01/2022*

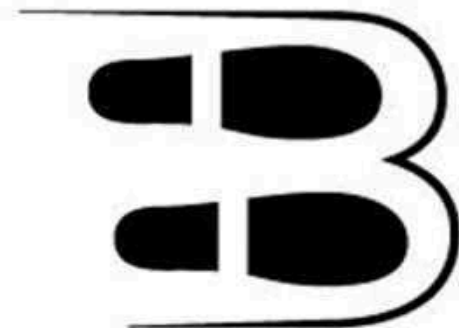
As you know we had planned for incoming first year assessment towards the end of January. Unfortunately, that is not likely now in the current climate. We are therefore postponing this assessment until later in the year when it is safer to do so. We will be in contact with you when COVID restrictions and Department guidelines allow us to do so.

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## Facts of the Month



**by Finn McCarthy Rang 5**

1/ A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out. 2/The smallest country in the world is the Vatican City in Rome, Italy. It only covers 109 acres. 3/ A fox uses its tail to communicate with other foxes. 4/ The English language is spoken in over 100 countries in the world. 5/ Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside. 6/ You cannot smell while you are asleep



**By Josh Wedlock, Rang 5**

1. St Bridget was the founder of the first monastery in Co. Kildare.
2. The best place in the world to see rainbows is in Hawaii.
3. A cloud can weigh about 1.1 million pounds.
4. The first Valentine was sent in the 15th century.
5. 12 of the Greek Gods lived on Mt. Olympus.
6. Coca cola was originally green.

# Gentleman, Lift Off Boy & PenMan of the Month











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## Advertising

*If you would like to book an ad for the coming school year 2021 – 2022 please let Noreen know as soon as possible. The number of ads is limited. Our Links goes to all parents in the school – 10 times a year – at the beginning of each month. Now due to the fact that it's online many more people will*

view the Links. The cost is €20 per issue or at a discount of €150 for the entire year!  
Please ring 8834487 if you are interested.

## “Cent” Box – Thorntree Project



“Cent” boxes will continue this year in a different format due to Covid-19.

Rang 5 A (Ms. Marguerite Bradshaw) and 5 B (Mr. Seán Daly) will be in charge of this and will inform you later of how it will be organised. We have been assisting the Thorntree Project since 2015, when we release a Christmas single “Butterfly Child”. Please support this worthy cause, when asked to do so.

## Nut Allergy – IMPORTANT!

Quite a significant number of boys in our school are **allergic to nuts** and for them any contact with nuts or products containing traces of nuts can be dangerous for example NUTELLA or Peanut Butter!!!!

Please be aware of this when organising your child’s lunch and DO NOT allow your child to bring anything containing nuts to school. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Please give your children water to drink coming to school – not sweet or fizzy drinks.



## Contact Numbers

If you have moved, changed phone/mobile numbers or changed doctor or emergency contact person or got a new email address – please update these details on the **Aladdin App yourself** so that we can contact you in case of emergency. You can do this yourself, there is no need to ring in, just change it on the App and we will be notified automatically.

We will no longer be sending texts to parents – we will just use the Aladdin app.

## Recycling – Green Waste

Over the past few years we have tried – in vain – to recycle our Green Waste and unfortunately it hasn't worked out, probably because the only waste was fruit.

The Recycling bins have been attracting visitors that we don't want! Because of this we are asking boys to bring home their apple cores, banana skins (organic waste) etc from now on.

Tin foil and uneaten lunches will be brought home also. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Can Can-Paign



All cans gratefully received. Please contact **Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice** if you have any query re. this matter. Many thanks to Ms. Fitzmaurice. She and 6th class will also look after the school garden and glasshouse. The money that is collected by this scheme is used in the school garden. Thanks to Ehan and Ahmadi for looking after the cans this coming year.



**NUTELLA OR PEANUTS are not permitted. This is for safety reasons. them. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.**

## What's going on? ... in school and extra-curricular activities.

**Basketball 21/22:** Basketball training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the end of September / early October. Thanks to Ms. Carol Anne O'Donovan / Seán Daly / Paul Carmody for assisting again with Basketball this year. This year it have to be run as last year – Tuesday will be for Rang 5 / Thursday will be for Rang 6.

**Quizzard '21/22:** will start in November. Classes from Rang 3 – Rang 6 will be participating. Last year we only managed to do a few rounds, outside in the yard but we are hoping to complete it in the coming year. **Cillian Whooley and Pearse Nolan** are in charge of the Quiz this year.

**Chess:** started in September. Boys in Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 may participate. It will run on Tuesdays and Wednesday after school. We hope to start before the end of September and end before Easter.

Thanks to Ms. Niamh Mac Auley for her help with the players. Thanks to Ms. Gillian Galvin for her help with the Learners Chess Club.

### **Soccer Competitions**

#### **Senior Infants Soccer**

Held on Fridays only

#### **Rang 1**

Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 2**

Held on Mondays / Wednesday – depending on what team you are on. Teams are on the website.

#### **Rang 2/3**

Held on Mondays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 4**

Held on Tuesdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 5**

Held on Wednesdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 6**

Held on Thursdays. Teams are on website.

**Multi-Media Authoring / Video Editing / Computer Lessons / Coderdojo** – for Rang 2, Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 will hopefully start this year. Thanks to Mrs. Margaret Deegan for hopefully teaching Coder Dojo to Rang 2 each week.

**Swimming:** for Rang 4 and half Rang 6 starts on Friday 4th of February.

**Wardens** – every year Rang 6 act as School Wardens. The scheme is up and running. Thanks to our team of SET teachers who have taken over from Mr. O'Driscoll. Thanks also to Chris Hinchy for his help again this year.

**GAA** – Conan O'Donovan on Wednesdays.

**Rugby** – Finbarr O'Mahony on Fridays is now finished.

**Sciath na Scol Competitions** – we're not sure what's going to happen with Sciath na Scol this year. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

## P.E. / Soccer Timetable

Class	Soccer	P.E.
<b>Junior Infants (Mrs. Marie Forristal)</b>	Not applicable	<b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Senior Infants (Ms. Gillian Galvin)</b>	Fridays	<b>Wednesdays and Fridays</b>
<b>Senior Infants / Rang 1 (Ms. Michelle O'Neill)</b>	Fridays for Seniors Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1st	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Rang 1 (Ms. Kathryn O'Shea / Ms. Karen O'Regan)</b>	Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Tuesdays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 2 (Mr. Paul Carmody)</b>	Mondays and Wednesdays	<b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Rang 2 / 3 (Ms. Carol Ann O'Donovan / Ms. Laura Connolly)</b>	Mondays	<b>Mondays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 4 (Mrs. Marie Hayes)</b>	Tuesdays	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b>
<b>Rang 5 A (Ms. Marguerite Bradshaw)</b>	Wednesdays	<b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</b>
<b>Rang 5 B (Mr. Seán Daly)</b>	Wednesdays	<b>Mondays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 6 (Ms. Niamh Mac Auley)</b>	Thursdays	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>

This timetable may be updated in September 2021

## Roots of Empathy

Roots of Empathy is an international, universal, evidence-based, classroom programme that has shown dramatic effect in reducing aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Barnardos was chosen as the lead agency to deliver the programme in Ireland in 2011.

The programme has been delivered in a hundred and thirty primary schools around Ireland with a small number of schools in Cork and Waterford already participating.



**Roots of Empathy**

As a result of support from the Tomar Trust, Barnardos is now in a position to roll out the programme in West Cork & Waterford schools. They are currently developing a three year plan to involve schools in Cork and Waterford in the Roots of Empathy programme. We have been chosen as one of the West Cork Schools and will be implementing the programme this coming year. Please note Covid-19 may change these plans.

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