



# Cliffoney National School

Nuachtlitir

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## Write-a-Book Competition

Across the whole school, we worked very hard on writing stories this term. The infant classes worked together to come up with some really exciting stories about the Polar Regions, going shopping and life on the farm. Meanwhile, every child from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class participated in the Write-a-Book Competition run by Sligo Education Centre. February was a very busy month of brainstorming, drafting, editing, redrafting, reviewing, illustrating etc. and in the end, the books were very impressive indeed. All of the books were read by teachers around Sligo and five children were selected to receive special merit awards. Congratulations to Katie, Nadine, Soma, Zack and Sophie who will receive medals and certificates on 10th May in the Clayton Hotel. During the week of the May 8th, we will have a day of celebration in recognition of the hard work and achievement of all pupils. Parents and family will be invited to come into the school and browse through the work of our budding writers. We will let you know details closer to the time. Very well done to all our wonderful pupils.

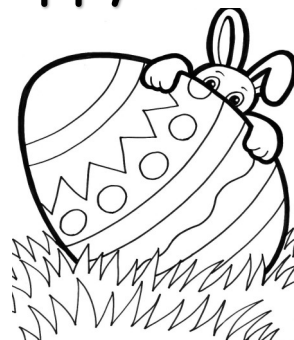
## Student Council

Two weeks ago at our school assembly, we discussed setting up a student council. The purpose of a student council is to give the students a voice in the running of our school and in the way teaching and learning takes place. After making very impressive presentations to their classes, Kiara, Diarmuid, Katie, Cathal, Holly, and Emmajane were elected to the council for this year. The first meeting of our new student council will take place after Easter. Watch this space and keep an eye on our website for more!

## Dátaí don Féilire

Easter Holidays	School reopens 24th April 2017
Confirmation	Tuesday, 23rd May 2017 @ 11am
First Holy Communion	Sunday, 28th May 2017 @ 10:30am
June Bank Holiday	Closed Friday, 2nd June & Monday, 5th June 2017
Summer Holidays	Wednesday, 28th June @ 12am

## Happy Easter



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### Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with a ceolchoirm and céilí on Thursday, March 16th. Our senior class also had a Tráth na gCéist. Our pupils are making a wonderful effort to use their cúpla focail informally around the school. Please continue to encourage this at home too and check our website for the frásaí we are working on each week. Maith sibh!

### Sporting Success!

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Ethan, Ryan, Fergus and Antoine represented the school at the finals of the Sligo GAAMigos competition in Summerhill College. Their footballing skills were put to the test and they put in a super performance. Well done boys!

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Cliffoney N.S. participated in the Spar FAI 5-a-side soccer competition held in the Showgrounds in Sligo. The girls played three games. Their opponents were Rosses Point, Kilglass and Ardkeeran. Well done to all the girls who took part.

The boys had four games. Their opponents were Moylough, Bunninadden, Ballintrillick and Rathlee. The boys won three of their games but so did three of the other teams, therefore, the three teams had equal points. Despite winning 5-0 in the last game, the boys narrowly missed out on going through as it came down to goal difference. Nevertheless, everyone involved enjoyed the experience.

### Snippets

- ◆ Our senior class participated in a very enjoyable in-school workshop organised by Primary Colours Arts Education Programme on 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- ◆ The RSE programme will be taught to all classes after Easter. Flora Duignan from Accord will deliver the RSE programme to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes on 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- ◆ Lisa Noone (PDST) will deliver professional development to teachers on 17<sup>th</sup> May in relation to S.P.H.E., The Stay Safe Programme and R.S.E.
- ◆ We are hoping to begin developing a Healthy Eating Policy after Easter. Each class will take on a healthy eating awareness project for display in the school hall. We would greatly appreciate your help in developing this policy.
- ◆ We are planning a full-filled diary of sporting activities for Active Schools, 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> April.

### Anti-Bullying Policy

To Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Management of Cliffoney National School wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed: Fr. Christy McHugh (Chairperson) Date: 05/04/17

### Policy Review

The following policies have recently been reviewed and are available to view on the school website or through the office:

- ⇒ Anti-Bullying Policy
- ⇒ Acceptable Use Policy
- ⇒ Supervision Policy

Many thanks to the parent representatives who reviewed these the policies and offered feedback. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

### Parental Involvement

Thanks to the P.A. for organising a very enjoyable family quiz in the Pier Head Hotel and to everyone who turned out to support the event. Míle Buíochas!

We will be bag-packing on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Supervalu, Bundoran. Sincere thanks to everyone who offered to help. A reminder message and timetable will be sent a day or two before the event.

### Music Lessons

Tin whistle lessons have finished for this year. Our sincere thanks to Margaret for all her hard work; the children have made great progress this year and I hope they will come back next September. Fiddle lessons will continue for 6 weeks after Easter.

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. Children and parents will have an opportunity to browse and make a purchase if they wish.