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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now well into our final term and as you all know it is a very busy time for the school. We are presently preparing for standardised tests, report cards, Active Week, School Tours, Confirmation, Graduation and many other end of year activities. We would ask that all children are present in school from now until the end of the year in order to ensure that these activities run smoothly and that the children themselves don't miss out.

We are already planning ahead for the **2018/2019 school year** calendar. If you wish to view our closures and **school calendar** for next year, please see the home page of our website [www.clontubrid.ie](http://www.clontubrid.ie). There is also a link available for standardised school closures/holidays for the next two school years. I would ask parents to please take these calendars into consideration when booking holidays next year and we hope that the early availability of these calendars will be of assistance.

Please note that our **Graduation ceremony** has been moved to **Tuesday 12th of June @ 10:30am** due to **Confirmation** which is on **Sunday the 10th of June @ 11am**. All parents of 6th class are invited to attend Graduation.

## SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION (SSE)

The school is now in the process of re-engaging with School Self-Evaluation as it had been frozen due to a directive from the INTO. A letter will be sent home in the coming days requesting feedback from parents. Similar feedback will be sought from the staff and the pupils in order to inform our focus area/subject for school improvement in teaching and learning over the next two years.

## COMÓRTAS SCRÍOBH LEABHAR

Well done to the Junior and Middle Rooms who took part in this year's Scriobh Leabhar competition. All of the children produced magnificent books. Comhghairdeachas do na buaiteoirí **Aidan Dowling, Ava Scott, Tara-Rose Dunphy, Eoghan McMenamin agus Ciarán McMenamin**.

## MULTIPLE-USE GAMES AREA

The school has once again applied for the CLÁR Grant this year in the hope of completing Phase 2 of our planned works on our outdoor facilities for the children. **Phase 1** was carried out last summer with the development of our **all-weather pitch** which the children are now using. **Phase 2** will involve developing a separate **Multi-Use Games Area** on the school grounds. The school will receive word in the coming weeks whether or not it has received the funding again. If granted the money, the plan would be to develop a 170 square metre area with artificial grass containing tennis/badminton/volleyball markings, surrounding fence, sports wall at one end with goals/targets painted on it and basketball rings. It is hoped that if this development goes ahead, we will be able to play up to eight different sports in the area including tennis, volleyball, badminton, basketball, hurling, Gaelic Football, handball and racket ball. This area would mean that we would also have a third area for break time which would mean that all rooms would have their own separate area to play. It would also mean much easier supervision of the pupils at lunch time as no pupils will have to play at the other side of the school.

As you were aware, we had also planned to have an official opening evening for our new all-weather pitch, however this will be postponed until the new school year in the hope that we might receive the necessary funding to complete Phase 2 of our project this summer. Thanks again to Mick McCarthy (local County Counsellor) and our Board of Management for their sustained efforts in trying to get the grant approval for this final phase of the project.

## PARENT'S COUNCIL

The Parent's Council ran a **Bingo** evening last Sunday and raised **€380**. A huge thank you to everyone who turned up to take part on the day. Thanks to the Parent's Council who recently paid for 8 **swimming lessons** for all of the children. The Parent's Council have also agreed to pay for the cost of the **buses for the school tours**.

Again thanks to our Parent's Council who have worked so hard this year on various events such as the Internet Safety Talk, fundraising, purchasing of resources for the school, policy review/formation, etc. We truly are fortunate to have such a committed group of parents supporting the teaching and learning in our school.

**T H A N K   Y O U . . .**

A number of people have been of great assistance to the school during the second/third term and the school would like to extend it's gratitude to **Paul Dowling** for all his help with school's hurling this year, **Gary Tallis** for temporarily fencing the pitch and many more odd jobs, **Deirdre Dunne** for offering to facilitate Speech and Drama workshops this coming Friday, **Fiona Perry** for her assistance with our ongoing application for the Music generation programme, **Tieman Herlihy** for his ongoing work on the school's Facebook page and for reviewing the school's digital strategy, **Marie Blanchfield** and the entire **Parent's Council**, **Collette Bergin** for co-ordinating the Community Games this year, **Ger and Walter Bergin** for fixing a fault with the electricians in the school, the **Delaney family** who removed the rubble while installing our Fuel Safe and **all the families & wider community** who contributed to the huge success of our Clothing Collection which raised €750. The good will of our community is stronger than ever and a huge thank you to everyone who has assisted the school voluntarily this year as we know we are probably failing to mention everyone.

**N E W   I N F A N T S   M O R N I N G**

We will be holding a morning for our new junior infants on **Thursday the 7th of June from 10-11:30am**. There will be a cup of tea/coffee and an opportunity for parents to chat @ 11:30 when collecting the children. We look forward to meeting all our new students and their parents then.

**H U R L I N G   &   C A M O G I E**

Our hurling and camogie seasons are in the knock out stages. The under 13 boys have had two hard fought victories against St. John's and Conahy. They hope to have qualified for a quarter final which will take place in the coming days. The under 11 team had two narrow defeats to Conahy and Freshford but played extremely well on both days. Both boys and girls seven's teams reached the semi-finals this year beating Roinn A teams such as Kilmanagh, Gowran, Urlingford and Clara along the way. The camogie team have also qualified for the quarter final which will be played this Wednesday in Lisdowney. Best of luck to Ms. Fennelly, Ms. Brennan and all of the team for the rest of the competition.

**A C T I V E   W E E K   2 0 1 8**

Our **Active Week** will run from the **12th to 18th of June**. The plan for the week is as follows: **Scavenger Hunts around the school on Tuesday 12th**, **Orienteering in Jenkinstown on Wednesday 13th** (note to follow in coming days), **Extra P.E. Classes on Thursday 14th**, **Sports Day on Friday 15th** and **School Tour for Junior to Sixth Classes to Adventure World Activity Day on Monday 18th of June** (see note sent home last week). There will also be many other activities throughout the week such as 'Wake Up & Shape Up' and our annual hurling league. Please note that there will be no Fun Run this year. Thanks to Ms. Fennelly & the teachers for all the organisation of Active Week and Pat Farrell for running the day in Jenkinstown. Please ensure your child applies sun cream each day depending on the weather. Last year's sixth class are welcome back to help out on Friday 15th for our Sport's Day.

**F I R S T   C O M M U N I O N   &   C O N F I R M A T I O N**

First Communion took place last April in St. Brigid's Church. Thanks to **Ms. Brennan** and the parents who helped to prepare the children for this sacrament through the 'Do This In Memory Programme'. **Confirmation** will take place for 5th & 6th Class students on **Sunday June 10th @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church**. Again thanks to all our wonderful parents here in Clontubrid who gave up their Wednesday nights to deliver the classes to the students from the three schools in preparation for this very important sacrament.

**S T A M P E D   A D D R E S S E D   E N V E L O P E S**

Please supply the school with one stamped addressed envelope per family in order to send home **report cards, booklists and next year's calendar**.

**I N T E R N E T   S A F E T Y   N I G H T**

Thanks to all who attended the recent **Internet Safety talk** given by **Peter Levins**. This was a hugely informative and beneficial presentation given to parents/guardians. The children also benefited from an excellent presentation by Peter highlighting the importance of safe use of the internet.

**D A T E S   F O R   Y O U R   D I A R Y**

Friday 25th May	-	Speech and Drama workshop
Thursday 7th of June	-	New Infant Induction Morning (10-11:30am)
Sunday 10th June	-	Confirmation at 11am in St. Brigid's Church
Tuesday 12th of June	-	Graduation for 6th Class at 10:30am
Tuesday 12th to Monday 18th of June	-	"Active School Week"
Wednesday 13th of June	-	Orienteering in Jenkinstown
Monday 18th of June	-	Junior to Sixth Class School Tour
Friday 22nd June	-	Closed @ 12 o'clock for Summer Holidays