



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter

Halloween Celebrations

We have a couple of events happening in the lead up to our half term break.

On **Friday 22 October**, we will have a dress up day in school. As in previous years, please do not send pupils in to school in 'overly-scary' costumes.

As part of our dress up day, the Foyle Hub catering team are very kindly sponsoring prizes for the best dressed in each class, for those pupils who are having dinner on the day. Prizes will be presented in the dinner hall/ classroom, depending on where the pupils eat at the minute.



Car Park

There are a few parents who have now started parking up in the lower car park in the morning, again. The lower area should be free for drop offs, pedestrians, staff cars, taxis and those with mobility issues who have previously contacted school-both in the morning and afternoon. Please continue to follow this guidance. A number of staff have not been able to get parked this week due to this increase.

After Schools Club

****REMINDER:****

The cut off point for all after school bookings will be the Thursday night, 8:00pm of the week prior to the need for after schools. **NO BOOKINGS** can be taken after this time.



Bookings for the week of return after the half term break need to be made by Thursday 28 October, 8:00pm.

Bookings can now be made for two weeks in advance, normal cut off time, as above.

After Halloween, we intend to increase our provision of after school clubs. We now have confirmed Maiden City Soccer for P6 & P7 pupils on a Monday, 3:00-4:00pm @ £2.50, as well as multi-skills coaching for P1 & P2 pupils (2:00-3:00pm) and P3 & P4 pupils, 3:00-4:00pm @£2.50. We hope to update parents with further activities later on via our social media outlet

We had huge interest in Nursery ASC provision, with over 30 responding YES to the Microsoft Forms. Unfortunately, due to accommodation and staffing, we can accommodate a maximum of 18 pupils at this stage. Please only avail of this if absolutely necessary

Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

We had a wonderful morning in school on Tuesday 12 October, when we welcomed some very special guests to the planting of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree. Only 70 schools across the whole of the UK were chosen for this-only 5 schools in Northern Ireland, so we were absolutely delighted.

The Queen's representative, Dr Angela Garvey, Lord Lieutenant of the City of Londonderry, ably supported by Charley and Sam, our 2 eldest pupils, planted a beautiful ornamental pear tree at the front of the school. We look forward to watching it grow and blossom, just like our pupils do, in the years ahead.



Development Language Disorder (DLD) Day

As many will know, Ebrington have a very successful Speech & Language unit. Today, 15 October 2021 is Developmental Language Disorder Day. Our Speech & Language pupils had a wonderful celebration day earlier in the week, Wednesday, where they welcomed the Mayor to school and had the chance to showcase all the wonderful work that goes on from our S & L teachers, S & L classroom assistants and out speech & language therapists. We are blessed to have such a hard working team in our school.

Upcoming school dates:

Monday 25th-Friday 29th October (inclusive)-School closure for half term

Monday 22nd November-Flu vaccinaion programme

As this will be the last school communication before the half-term break, can I wish you all a Happy Halloween. If our pupils and parents are out enjoying fireworks, please remember to do so responsibly.

Mr Guthrie

