



Altamuskin's September News



We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the new school year.

We are especially pleased to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils:

Alannagh McNally, Cora Hackett, JJ Mallon, Caela McGarvey, Leo Molloy, Ellie Donnelly, Saoirse Donnelly, Polly Gormley, Danny McGarvey, Hannah McKenna and Michael McGirr.

This year, we welcome two families who are new to St. Brigid's. We know our whole school community—staff, pupils and parents will join together to make them feel truly welcome and supported.

Stay Connected with St. Brigid's

WhatsApp Broadcast



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St. Brigid's WhatsApp Broadcast Service is a simple and effective way for the school to keep you informed about what's happening at school.

Through this service, we share updates on weekly school events, reminders and important notices.

It's designed to ensure you're always in the loop.

To receive broadcast messages, please make sure you have saved the school's broadcast number in your phone contacts.

he number is **07880466736**

Please note: This number is **not** for replying or communicating about school matters. If you need to contact your child's teacher or the school principal, please refer to the section inside this newsletter titled "**How to Contact Us**" for the appropriate channels.

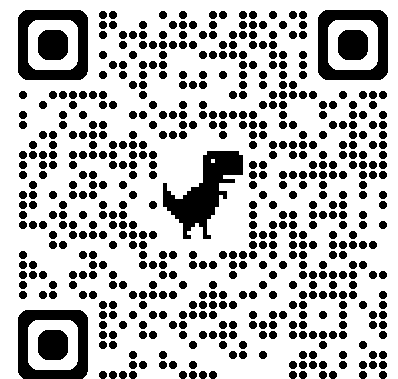
Stay Connected via our School Website

Want to see what's happening at our school?

Scan the QR code to visit our website and explore the latest news, events, and updates.

From classroom high-

lights to upcoming activities, it's all just a click away!



Healthy Eating

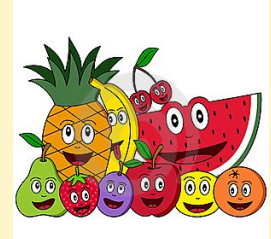
From now on, we kindly ask that mid-morning snacks consist of **fruit only**. Pupils will enjoy this healthy snack before their outdoor break time.

For pupils who are bringing a packed lunch, we ask that **only one small treat per day** is included alongside their balanced meal.

We know that too much sugar has become a common part of children's diets. While it might give a short burst of energy, it is often followed by a slump in focus and mood—making it harder for pupils to concentrate and feel their best in class.

Over time, high sugar intake can also affect children's teeth and overall health. By keeping snacks simple and nutritious, we can give children the steady energy they need to learn, play, and thrive throughout the school day. This is a whole-school effort, and we really value your support. By making these small changes together, we can help our children build positive eating habits that will benefit them for years to come.

Thank you for your cooperation.



School Times

8.50am: School opens:

9.15am: School begins:

2.00pm: School ends for P1&2

3.15pm: School ends for p3-7

Children should not be dropped off before 8.50am as we cannot always guarantee supervision until then.

We appreciate you collecting your children promptly at 3:15pm.

Uniforms

Please ensure that **all items of uniform** and PE kit are labelled with a name to ensure that pieces of clothing are not lost.

This will save staff a lot of time.

Irish Lessons

Every class will continue to receive Irish language lessons starting **Wednesday 24th September**. These sessions will be led by **Geroid**, who brings great enthusiasm and expertise to the teaching of Irish.

The cost for Term 1 (up to Christmas) will be **£10 per pupil**. We look forward to seeing the children enjoy and grow through this exciting opportunity.



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Medical Needs

If your child has any medical needs, including asthma, which the school is not aware of, please record on data capture form and contact the school immediately so appropriate procedures can be followed.



A reminder that peanuts or any other product containing nuts should **NOT** be sent to school. Thank you for your co-operation!

Welcome Mrs McAnenly

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Mrs McAnenly to the teaching staff at our school. Following our recent recruitment for a third permanent teacher, we feel incredibly lucky to have appointed someone with such passion, energy and flair.

Mrs McAnenly brings with her a deep love for teaching, an enthusiasm for Camogie and—perhaps most impressively—a talent for transforming into Freddie Mercury in her spare time! Whether she's leading a lesson or belting out Bohemian Rhapsody, we know she will be a hit with pupils and staff alike.

We are thrilled to have her join our school family and look forward to the many ways she will enrich life at Altamuskin.

Welcome aboard, Mrs McAnenly!



Authorisation for collection of children:

If you are unable to collect your child:

If someone else is to collect your child please inform the class teacher by means of a signed note or an email or call the school office.

We will only release children into the care of individuals named by the parent/carer by means of a signed note or an email to the class teacher or a phone call to the school office. This is particularly important when children are visiting friends houses e.g. birthday parties. Children can not be lifted by a friend's parent without notice being given to the class teacher/principal before hand.

Absence notes

Parents/carers should contact the school on the first day of their child's absence.

When parents/carers notify us of their child's absence it is important that they provide us with details of the reason for their absence.

Please email the class teacher or principal to notify the school or call the school office.

How To Contact Staff

If you wish to arrange a call or meeting with your child's teacher then please do so by emailing them or ringing the school office to arrange an appointment.

School office: 028 8075 8386

If you need to reach out to your child's teacher for any other reason, you can email them and they will aim to respond within two working days.

See the teacher emails below:

Mr Lynch: rlynch465@c2kni.net

Miss McNulty: cmcnulty576@c2kni.net

Mrs McAnenly: cmcanenly519@c2kni.net

Miss Loughran: cloughran802@c2kni.net



Tin Whistle Lessons

We are delighted to let you know that our P3-P7 pupils will now have the opportunity to take part in traditional music lessons. Every child will begin by learning the tin whistle. The school will provide each pupil with their own whistle to use.



We are very fortunate to have Mark Carmichael joining us to lead these sessions. He will be with us every Thursday morning, starting on **Thursday 11th September**. Initially, the focus will be on tin whistle for all, with the longer-term aim of also offering a slot for pupils who play other traditional instruments.

To support the running of these lessons, we ask for a contribution of **£1 per week**, which can be paid easily via the school money app.



Violin



Reminder: All children must register for lessons if they wish to continue this year. Contact the Education Authority to register.

Tel: 02890470033

"2 O'Clock Club"

The 2 O' Clock Club will continue as normal this year. It costs £3 per day.

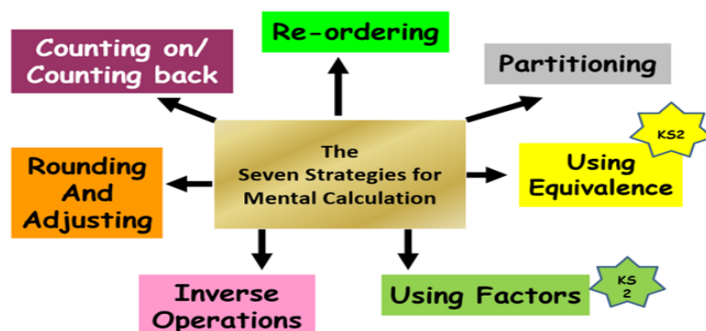
Afterschool Club p4-7

Afterschool Sports Club will be running on Wednesdays to **4pm** for **Primary 4-7 pupils**.

The club will be led by Ruairi O'Sullivan and will include a fun mixture of hurling, football, rounders and other team sports.

This will run up to our Halloween Mid-Term break and will cost £10 per child. Payments can be made via the School Money app.

We look forward to seeing lots of pupils getting involved and enjoying a great range of sports.



OUR WHOLE SCHOOL NUMERACY FOCUS:

-WE ARE GOING TO BECOME **MENTAL MATH MASTERS** BY LEARNING AND USING **SEVEN SMART STRATEGIES** TO BOOST OUR CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS!