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Welcome Back

I am delighted to welcome everyone back for another exciting school year. As your Acting Principal I am honoured to continue in this role, ensuring a smooth transition as Mrs McNamee continues her career break. We wish her the very best.

A special welcome goes out to our Primary One pupils and to two new pupils Siofra and Connor. We also warmly welcome Miss E McCoy and Mrs E Quinn who have joined our staff this year.

The staff have worked diligently to prepare for the return of all the pupils and the school is looking fantastic after a thorough cleaning by Mr McCann and Mrs Neeson.

Here's to a year filled with learning, growth and success!

Warm regards

Mrs D. Storey (Acting Principal)

School Mission Statement

Millquarter Primary School is an inclusive maintained school that aims to provide a warm, caring and stimulating atmosphere underpinned by core Christian values, where individual talents are nurtured, developed, and celebrated. We are firmly committed to providing an effective education for our children by offering a broad and balanced curriculum and engaging in partnership with the church, our parents and the local community, to inspire everyone in our school family to realise their full potential.

Reminders

- We have routines and procedures in place to ensure the happiness and safety of the children whilst at school. These reminders will also help with the smooth running of our school and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
1. Please give the bus priority at drop off and pick up times.
 2. P1 children should go directly to their classroom in the morning via the playground gate closest to the school building.
 3. P2-7 children remain in the playground in the morning until the bell sounds. In the event of bad weather, all children should go directly to their classroom via the external door their class normally uses.
 4. Please ensure children know how they are getting home and whether they are going to dinners or having lunch.
 5. All parents/visitors to school must enter the school via the main front entrance and report to the office. P1 and P2 parents may take their child into the P1/2 cloakroom in the mornings.
 6. Please try your best to pay for school dinners and late class via school money before 12 midnight the day before.
 7. P.E. uniform to be worn by all pupils on P.E. from Monday 9th September.

- Dates for your Diary**
- Term 1 Begins**
- 2nd September**
P1 8:40-12:00 for two weeks.
P2: 8:40-1:40
P3-7 8:40- 2:40
- Late Class**
Late class for P2 ONLY begins 2nd September.
- CS Moments Photographer**
6th September
- P.E**
Every Monday with MR sports coaches from 9th September
Every Thursday from 12th Sep with Gaelfast coach Paul Law.
- Curriculum Meetings**
10th September
- Book Fair**
18th-24th September
- Homework Club for P7**
Every Monday from 9th September-11th Nov
- School Closed**
Closed to pupils on 23rd September for staff training.
- Late Class**
Late class for P1 begins 30th September.
- M& M Productions**
8th October: Alladin
- P7 Parent Teacher Meetings**
15th October
- Flu Vaccine**
14th October
- School Closed**
School closes at 11:30 on Friday 25th October for Halloween.
School will reopen on Monday 4th November.

Staffing

Acting Principal Mrs Dympna Storey

Senior Teacher Mrs Claire O'Neill

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
1	Mrs Orlagh Devlin (Mon-Tues) Mrs Kate McElhinney (Wed-Fri)	Miss Emily McCoy
P2	Miss Sarah Cassidy	Mrs Emma Quinn
P3/4	Mrs Shareen Bujwid	Mrs Liz O'Donnell Mrs Carla McFall
P4/5	Mrs Clara McNamee	Mrs Maria Madden Miss Annie Madden
P6	Mr Ger McPeake	
P7	Mrs Claire O'Neill	Mrs Kathy McErlain

Communication

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Our website is a great way of keeping up to date with current school activities and information e.g. the dinner menu, calendar of events. Please have a look at

www.millquarterps.com

If you are a facebook user, please like and follow our page.

SEESAW

We will continue to use the Seesaw app as a platform for engagement with families and to share learning experiences. All members of our school community should already be connected but if you are not, please contact the school office.

CONTACT DETAILS

Mrs Close, our secretary, is updating our computer records and asks that anyone who has changed address or telephone/mobile number recently contacts the office and completes a new data form. This is very important in case we need to contact you urgently due to illness or in the event of an emergency.



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Friends of Millquarter PTA

We are extremely grateful to our Friends of Millquarter PTA organisation for all their fundraising and support last year. FoM provides the opportunity for everyone to work together towards a common goal, support our school and make a difference for our children. All parents and families with children enrolled in Millquarter are members of the FoM. If you have any spare time to offer and would like to be a member of the committee, please speak to Mrs Maria Madden, staff member and Chairperson of the PTA. You would be most welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to label all items of uniform. Throughout the year there are many items lost and not recovered. Labelling helps us return lost belongings.

DINNERS

Dinners cost £2.60 per day and can be paid via school money. If you think that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply by completing the form from the EA website <http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/>
Our budget is influenced by the number of children registered for free school meals so it is vitally important that you register (even if your child does not wish to avail of dinners).

HEALTHY EATING

We are a health promoting school and operate a Healthy Break Policy in Millquarter. Please support us in this by ensuring that the children have a healthy snack e.g. fruit, vegetables or bread-based products, and a drink of either milk or water for break at 10.15 am. **No Nut based products please!**

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES

It is important that we are made aware of any medical conditions your child may have. Please inform us in writing of any such circumstances. Also if your child has an allergy please ensure we are made aware of this. Mindful of allergies and medical conditions, **we would ask that you do not send in nuts or foods containing nuts.** If your child requires medication to be taken in school forms are available in our Administering Medicine Policy on the website.



PRIMARY ONE

P1 finish at 12 noon until Friday 15th September and 1.40pm thereafter. Late class for P1 will start on 30th September.

LATE CLASS

Late Class is a service whereby the younger children are supervised in school for an additional hour and go home at 2.40pm with the older pupils. There is a DAILY charge for this service, and it must be paid for by 12 midnight the day before. Late class for P2 children will start on Monday 2nd September.

P7 TRANSFER PROCEDURE

SEAG Entrance Exam Key Dates:

- Registration Closes - 20th September 2024.
- Pupil Cards Issued - 2nd October 2024.
- Assessment Paper 1 - 16th November 2024.
- Assessment Paper 2 - 23rd November 2024.
- Results Issued - 25th January 2025.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

We welcome the support of parents in ensuring high quality learning for our children. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to our curriculum information sessions. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to learn about the key themes and topics that your child will engage in; the class timetable; important events that will happen throughout the year; the format of homework and areas unique to your child's year group. These are an invaluable opportunity to discover what the year ahead holds for your children and how you as parents can support and extend learning at home.

Date: Tuesday 10th September

Times

P1: 11:45 am

P2-4: 2:45

P5-7 3:05

The presentation will be posted on seesaw for those who are unable to attend.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MONDAYS

THURSDAYS

P.E. Uniform

Red plain polo shirt
Black leggings/tracksuit bottoms.
A base layer can be worn under the red polo shirt in colder weather together with a coat.
Black cropped leggings or cropped tracksuit bottoms can be worn in warmer weather.
Please note shorts are not part of P.E. uniform.

Children should also wear suitable footwear on P.E. days.

SWIMMING

Primary Six will go swimming during term one on a Thursday morning commencing Thursday 12th September. Please pay via school money. The children will need £1 for their locker. Children should wear their full **P.E. uniform.**

PHOTOGRAPHER

School photographs will be taken on Friday 6th September. Full school uniform please! If you wish to have a family photo with younger children who are not at the school please come between 8:30 and 9:00 am

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

We warmly welcome you to our Beginning of the year mass on Friday 20th September at 1:00 p.m. in our school hall. School will be closed for staff training on Monday 23rd September so if you wish to 'kick off' your long weekend children may go home after mass. If this isn't possible then children can remain in school until normal hometime.



After School Clubs

- When the clubs are on school money then it will be on a first come first serve basis. The school money app will not allow you to pay if the club has reached full capacity.
 - MR Sports must be paid directly on their website.**
- <https://mr-sports.pembee.app/?filters=61a3419e7ecfb10009851435-6596bf4b433e2e20ff0c287b>
- All equipment will be provided for after schools' sports clubs. Bring your own hurl/helmet if you wish.
 - Please note there is NO bus available at 3:40. Children will need to be collected at school.

	Dates	Times	Venue	Classes	Max number	Estimated total cost if maximum attend.
MR Sports Nerf Club	Mondays from 9 th Sept -16 th Dec	1:40-2:40	School Hall/outside	P2 (P1 from 30 th Sept)	25	Pay directly with MR sports (Separate from late class. Don't pay late class that day)
		2:40-3:40		P3-7		
Homework Club Mrs O'Neill	Mondays from 9 th Sept- 11 th Nov	2:40-3:40	P5 room	P7 only	P7 only	Available on school Money £40 in total
MR Sports Dance & Drama	Tuesdays from 9 th Sept- 17 th Dec	1:40-2:40	School Hall/outside	P2 (P1 from 30 th Sept)	25	Pay directly with MR sports (Separate from late class Don't pay late class that day)
		2:40-3:40		P3-7		
Gaelic Games Hurl, Camog, Gaelic Football Miss Emily McCoy	Wednesdays 11 th September- 23 rd Oct	1:40-2:40	Playground	All P2 Late class	25	Pay for late class as normal no extra cost
		2:40-3:40		P3-7		Available on School Money £2 x 7= £14 in total
Art Miss Annie Madden	Thursdays 12 th Sept-24 th Oct	1:40-2:40	P1 room	All P2 Late class	15	Pay for late class as normal No extra cost
		2:40-3:40		P3-7		Available on School Money £2 x 7= £14 in total



Children eligible for a bus pass

Bus passes must be scanned when entering the bus.

Children not eligible for a bus pass

Parents can go to any Ulster Bus depot and purchase a travel card at a reduced rate.

Alternatively, pupils can pay the driver 95p but if you buy the card each journey is approx. 77p

This will be fully implemented from 16th September.

Please see video shared on our school facebook from EA on 13th August.