



OCTOBER 2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th September

P1 Late Class Begins

2nd, 23rd Oct

Mobile Library Van

3rd Oct

School Council Halloween
Costume Swap

8th Oct

Aladin Pantomime.

12th Oct

Maths Week

14th Oct

Flu Vaccine

15th Oct

P7 Parent Teacher Meetings

16th Oct

SW Antrim Cumann na
mBunscol mixed
Camogie/Hurling indoor event

25th Oct

Halloween Fancy Dress

School closes at 11:30

1st Nov

Shoe Box Appeal collection
day

Primary One

Our new primary ones are settling in wonderfully, embracing school life with enthusiasm. They've been making friends, exploring the outdoors and enjoying a variety of classroom activities. Here's a snapshot of some of their happy moments as they begin their school journey.



Beginning of the Year Mass

Thank you to Fr James for celebrating our Beginning of the year Mass on Friday 20th September. We are also grateful to Mrs Bujwid, our RE Coordinator and wonderful staff for organising this special event. Thanks also to Michael Boyd for creating a beautiful atmosphere through the music. We are especially proud of our pupils for their participation and reverence making the mass a lovely start to the school year.



Safeguarding



Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Mrs D. Storey



Deputy Designated Teacher
Mrs O Devlin

Late Class

From this month on our P1 pupils can stay along with our P2s for late class. Late class is a service whereby the younger children are supervised for an additional hour and go home at 2:40 pm with the older children. There is a daily fee for this service. Payments can be made the night before using the school money app.

School Dinners

A gentle reminder to pay for school dinners the night before on the school money app. The dinner menu is on seesaw and our school website.

Uniform

Please label all items of uniform. Teachers and staff have recently had to spend time locating many lost items. As you can appreciate this can take some time which could otherwise be put to better use.

After Schools Clubs

The After Schools clubs running this month already include MR Sports Nerf & Dance and Gymnastics, Homework club, Gaelic Games and Art. After Halloween, we are hoping to offer MR Sports football, dance and Gymnastics, Max Coding club and Antrim Playball.

Aladin Pantomime

On 8th October from 9:15-10:30

M & M Productions are coming to Millquarter to perform Aladin. We will warmly welcome pupils from Tiny Tots, Taylorstown and Naiscoil na Fíobha playgroup. We hope that this production will inspire more great work in literacy.

Cumann na mBunscol

We are looking forward to another great year promoting Gaelic Games in our school. The first South West Antrim Cumann na mBunscol event is on Wednesday 16th October. This is a mixed camogie/hurling indoor event for P7s.

Maths Week Ireland

Our children will take part in a variety of maths challenges during Maths week Ireland from 12th -20th October.



P7 Parent Teacher Meetings

Mrs O'Neill will meet with P7 parents on Tuesday 15th October. Individual times have been sent home with the pupils.

Theraplay

All classes will have a theraplay informed modelling session with EA Nurture Advisory & Support Service on Wednesday 2nd October.

P2/3 Farm Visit

P2/3 will visit Neeson's farm on Wednesday 2nd October. Please ensure your child has a high vis vest and wellies. Further details will be sent via seesaw.



Be Bright, Be Seen.

With the darker mornings and evenings closing in we would encourage the children to wear high visibility vests or reflectors when travelling between home, bus stops and school.



Friends of Millquarter

Halloween Fundraiser

Friends of Millquarter will be sending home a Halloween emoji challenge on Wednesday 9th to continue to raise much needed funds for our school.

School Council Costume

Swap

Our school council is excited to announce a Halloween Costume Swap on Thursday 3rd October. Pupils can bring in their old costumes to the office throughout this week. On the day of the swap, pupils will have the chance to select a new- to- you costume from 1:20-2:30 in the computer area. It's a great way to recycle costumes, save money and get ready for Halloween!

Our school council will also run a tuck shop on Friday 25th October. Children can bring money to spend on the day.



Halloween Fancy Dress

Excitement is already building for our annual Halloween Fancy Dress competition and catwalk show which will be held on Friday 25th October. Children are invited to come to school dressed up in fancy dress and there will be prizes given for the best dressed girl and boy from each class. Please do not wear masks or costumes that are too frightening for younger pupils. Those wishing to enter the competition are asked to donate £2. The money raised will be given to The Northern Ireland Cancer fund for Children.



Halloween Holidays

School will close at 11:30 am on Friday 25th October for Halloween. School will reopen for Term 1:2 on Monday 4th November.



European Day of Languages.

We took part in Slán le Peann as part of Lá Eorpach na dTeangach. Some classes explored emotions such as sásta, brónach, ar bís agus tuirsech. P1 sang the song 'Mà tá tú so a sásta' and played 'cluiche snap.'

Maith sibh 🍀🍀



Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair was very well attended. We will now have over £468.50 commission to buy books and resources for each class. Thank you! (Take Five: Keep learning, Give.)



TEEP STRATEGIES

On Monday 23rd September we had staff training led by St Louis Grammar school principal, Mrs J O'Neill and head of teaching and learning, Mrs C Morgan, focusing on TEEP (Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme) TEEP's structured approach to lesson planning and delivery helps teachers create more engaging and interactive lessons, leading to improved pupil participation, motivation, and understanding.

We also promoted collaborative networking with St Louis, fostering a supportive community for sharing best practices.

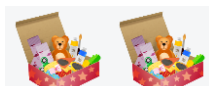


Shoe Box Appeal

Team Hope is a charity which sends thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes to children in Africa and Eastern Europe. We have taken part in the Shoebox Appeal for several years now and hope to do so again this year.

The project enables our children to fill a shoebox full of presents and wrap it to be sent across the world to children less fortunate than themselves. A leaflet showing ideas of what can be contained in the shoeboxes has already been sent home.

We would ask that you send in the filled shoeboxes to school by Friday 1ST Nov. The £5 donation listed can be paid via school money.



Pupil Participation

Our pupils have been elected following an application process to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Digital Leaders, Eco-Warriors, Well-Being Champions, Road Safety Officers and members of School Council.

