

# Moneynick Primary School

## Newsletter

### November 2020



#### Dear Parents and Pupils,

After a few action-packed weeks for teachers and pupils alike, the Hallowe'en break gave us an excellent chance to recharge our batteries. We are returning to school with energy and enthusiasm. The months ahead will continue to be fun filled, bursting with learning and oodles of opportunities.

#### First Holy Communion 2020

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion class of 2020. Thank you to everyone at home, in the parish and in school who helped prepare the children for this special day.



Please continue to keep our school community in your prayers.



#### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available each morning from 7:45 a.m. Please contact Ms Katherine Barnes or the school office for registration forms.

#### Victoria Square Pumpkin Project

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Pumpkin Project. A big congratulations to our winner who received a £50 Victoria Square gift voucher. Enjoy your prize.



#### Friends of Moneynick

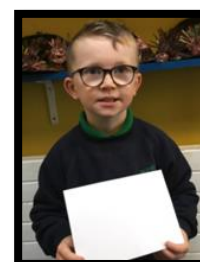


Best Wishes to our October 30 Club winners, Brian and Paula McCann. A special treat for all the family!

Hallowe'en Sponsored Fun Day



Congratulations to our class winners and the winner of our £100 voucher sponsored by Lacey Solicitors. We thank you for your continued support and generosity. An amazing total of £1,270.50 was raised. We hope you enjoy your prizes.



Visit [www.moneynickps.com](http://www.moneynickps.com) for more amazing photos.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2020



### Anti-Bullying Week

launches from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and has the theme 'United Against Bullying'. It is coordinated by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum (NIABF). This year, more than ever, we have witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. By channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. We all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. We are all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we are united against bullying.

### Odd Socks Day



#### Monday 16 November

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion. All they have to do is wear odd socks to school. Be united against bullying and wear odd socks to show we are all different.

### Autism Awareness



As part of anti-bullying week our pupils will look at how children are bullied because of their special or additional needs. The big book Sammy's Shoes is all about Sammy who is bullied because of his autism, it asks questions about bullying behaviour and puts children in the shoes of someone who is being bullied. Through discussions and specific activities children will develop a greater understanding of what makes a good friend. They will increase their acceptance and awareness of difference, specifically autistic behaviour. They will also be able to recognise and identify bullying behaviours and understand how they can help others.

## Rights Respecting Schools



### Article 27 - Adequate Standard of Living

**Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development.**

To enhance the children's understanding of Article 27, in class we will design and make Christmas decorations, cards and tags to add a personal touch to the Antrim Foodbank Christmas Food Parcels. During November we will be learning about the important role that foodbanks play to support local families.

### Sustrans - Road Safety Week



As we continue on our quest to achieve our Rural Schools Award we are promoting Road Safety Week Monday 23- Friday 27 November. Sustrans has kindly donated a Hi-Vis jacket and a bike reflector for all pupils. During the week we will highlight the importance of Road Safety during winter and how we can safeguard against dangers on the road. Pupils will be encouraged to wear their Hi Vis gear on Friday 27 November to remind us to Ditch the Dark - Be Safe, Be Seen.

### Athletics NI



Primary 4-7 have been working with Athletics NI. The sessions will continue on Wednesday 4 and 11 November. Primary 4-7 pupils can come to school in their sports wear and trainers. As the days are getting colder be sure to wrap up warm. Action photos can be viewed on [www.moneynickps.com](http://www.moneynickps.com)

### Saint Vincent de Paul



This year we ask for your help to support our local Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. A red collection box will be available in school for any small donation. Together we can make Christmas special.