



November 2021 Newsletter

Student Council

Congratulations to Emily who designed the winning entry for our student council mascot. She has included the characters of Ellie & Zack who have the superpowers of being a mathematician and an author. Our student council came together to discuss our anti-bullying policy and to share information back in class on the definition of bullying and what we as a school can do to ensure that we are all safe and happy.



Good Shepherd
Superheros



We would like to take the opportunity to wish Dylan, Conor & Dillon every blessing, as they celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion over the Halloween break.



Anti-bullying week will be held in the school on 15-19th November. The theme this year is 'one kind word.' We will be holding an 'odd socks' day on Monday 15th November. It's an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality in what makes us all unique!



Please download the Schools NI app to keep up-to-date with all our school news on the website. Make sure notifications are turned on.

Friends of Good Shepherd –Parent Association Group

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November @ 6pm in the school assembly hall. **We would welcome new members to come along!**

1. Benefit your child!

Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school

2. Get connected!

There is no better way to know what's happening at school

3. Tap into a network!

PTA connects you to other parents and teachers through meetings, events and communication, helping to build a sense of community

4. Be a role model!

By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child, the importance you place on education

5. Witness Improvement!

By getting involved in PTA, you'll be part of the solution – helping to make positive changes

Important Dates in November:

Date	What's on?
1/11/21	School Closed for Halloween Holidays
2/11/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
3/11/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
4/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
8/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
9/11/21	Primary 7 Ms Forbes class schools swimming programme
9/11/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
10/11/21	Primary 7 Mr Herron class schools swimming programme
10/11/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
10/11/21	Foyle Down Syndrome Trust 'Down Right Fit' School's Programme with P4

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10/11/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
11/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
15-19/11/21	Anti-bullying Week
15/11/21	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week
15/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
16/11/21	Primary 7 Ms Forbes class schools swimming programme
16/11/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
17/11/21	Foyle Down Syndrome Trust 'Down Right Fit' School's Programme with P4
17/11/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
17/11/21	Primary 7 Mr Herron class schools swimming programme
17/11/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
18/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
19/11/21	Cross Country Competition @Thornhill College
22/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
23/11/21	Primary 7 Ms Forbes class schools swimming programme
23/11/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1
24/11/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
24/11/21	Primary 7 Mr Herron class schools swimming programme
24/11/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P1
25/11/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
26/11/21	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly- Non-uniform day & wear something green. £1 per child fund raising
29/11/21	School closed for children. Parent/Guardian meetings Nursery-Primary 6
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Safeguarding Information



I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. **Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time.** Please talk to your child about general road safety. Please cross the road using the school crossing patrol. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mrs M Hegarty)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty). Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly. The holiday list for the next academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here.

Covid-19 Information

- **Parents/Guardians must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and exercise social distancing in and around the school gates.**
- **Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school**
- **If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and book a PCR test**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe Thank you!**



Teaching and Learning starts at 9am each day. Please ensure that your child is dropped off for school on time.