



## November 2022 Newsletter

Thank you for accessing our November newsletter. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Halloween break.



Please ensure that you download the Schools NI App which is linked to our website. Click on the ? on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on. This is our central means of communication.

### Important Dates in November:

Date	What's on?
1-4/11/22	School Closed for Halloween Holidays
7/11/22	Afterschool Yoga with Lorraine P4-P7 3-4pm
8/11/22	Derry Schools' Football Association Matches
8/11/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
9/11/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3-P7
9/11/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK9
10/11/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7
11/11/22	P6 EA Youth Service programme with Michelle Reid
11/11/22	P5 Mrs Mitchell's class assembly @9.30am- Parents/Guardians of this class are welcome to attend in the assembly hall
12/11/22	GL/PPTC Transfer Assessment P7
14-18/11/22	Anti-bullying Week 2022

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14/11/22	Anti-bullying Week: odd socks day
14/11/22	Afterschool Yoga with Lorraine P4-P7 3-4pm
15/11/22	P6 YES (Youth Educated in Safety) Programme @Shantallow Community Centre
15/11/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
16/11/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3-P7
16/11/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK10
17/11/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7
18/11/22	Cross Country tournament @St Patrick's & St. Brigid's, Claudy
19/11/22	AQE Transfer Assessment P7
21/11/22	Afterschool Yoga with Lorraine P4-P7 3-4pm
22/11/22	Multi-sport after school club- LAST WEEK OF CURRENT BLOCK 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
23/11/22	Dance Club- LAST WEEK OF CURRENT BLOCK 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3-P7
23/11/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK11
24/11/22	Flu Vaccinations
24/11/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7
25/11/22	P6 EA Youth Service programme with Michelle Reid
26/11/22	AQE Transfer Assessment P7
28/11/22	Nursery-Primary 6 Parent Teacher Meetings- School closed for all pupils
29/11/22	Nursery- Primary 6 Parent Teacher Meetings- School closed for all pupils
30/11/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK12



**Learning starts at 9am every day.** It is important that your child is punctual for school. School gates open from 8.45am. **Breakfast club is open from 8.10am.** **No need to book in for the breakfast club- £1 a day per child.** Please enter the school grounds via the Nursery pedestrian gate.

## Attendance

### Key Point

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

Please ensure that you contact the school office in the morning if your child is not able to attend school.



Anti-bullying week is being celebrated from 14<sup>th</sup> November. Check out the link below for resources to compliment and support our efforts in school to raise awareness and prevent bullying behaviour:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>



Call Parentline NI today for advice, support or guidance.



**0808 8020 400**

Parenting NI will be offering parents living within the Western Trust a range of opportunities around the theme of mental health and emotional wellbeing.

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00 – 8.30pm x 6 weeks via zoom**  
**Sink or Swim** (Positive Mental Health Programme for Parents)

Parents who wish to reserve a space just need to call the Parenting NI Support Line on 0808 8010 722.

### Covid-19 Information

- 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
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 they can return to school after 3 days if they are well enough
- Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe 😊



### Mass for Deceased Children and Young People.

A Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased children and young people of the diocese in Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday 6th November at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

### 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 (Dr M. Gormley)

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 current academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here.