



# October Newsletter

## School Fund

Thank you all for your contributions to School Fund this year. Your support is greatly appreciated. School is still able to accept any outstanding contributions - £6 per child or £12 per family. Please contact the school office if you are unsure whether you have responded to this request.

## Bee Active

Bee Active Club will continue on Monday afternoons offering multisport. This block will continue on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. The first session will be for P1-3 from 1:45-2:45pm and the second session from 2:45-3:45pm for P4-7.



## Activity Clubs 1 and 2

Afterschool activities and homework supervision take place each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Each Friday Activity Club has a theme. Themes for October are:  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Clay  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Clay Painting  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Kinetic Sand

Clubs should be booked each Monday for the week ahead. Each session costs £2.50.

## Swimming Lessons

P5/6/7 swimming lessons at Banbridge Leisure Centre will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Music Lessons

Music tuition will take place on the following days:  
Piano tuition each Monday, violin tuition each Thursday and woodwind tuition each Friday.



## Asda Cashpot For Schools

We can earn money if you use the Asda Rewards App when you shop either in store or online.



All you need to do is opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select our school. Our postcode is BT32 4NR. Asda will then donate a percentage of your shop to school funds. This will not affect your own Cashpot earnings. This fundraising initiative ends on 30th November.

To date we have earned £65.12. Please make every effort to support this, we have 53 days left. All money raised will benefit your child in school.

## House System

Elections have taken place for Captains and Vice Captains of our school houses; Lenaderg, Bellfield and Huntly.

Captains are Izzie, Amelia and Murphy.

Vice Captains are Chloe, Ella and Jack.

Congratulations everyone on your roles!

## Harvest Assembly

Our pupils will have a special Harvest Assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We usually decorate the hall for this occasion and award house points for items brought in.



This year we are supporting 'The Storehouse' - Banbridge's Community Foodbank. Could I encourage pupils to donate non-perishable items to decorate our assembly hall which we will then donate to the foodbank. We will of course

welcome all the usual farm machinery and floral decorations as well!

### **PTA Dress Up Day**

On Friday  
25<sup>th</sup>

October  
the PTA  
are

hosting a  
Dress Up



Day. Our School Council have chosen the theme "When I Grow Up, I Want to Be..." Pupils should donate £1 to PTA funds for this event.

### **Half Term**

School will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October for half term. P1-3 pupils and siblings should be collected at 11:50am and P4-7 at 12 noon. School will reopen on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Parent Governors**

Our Board of Governors is currently being re-formed. This means that there are **two positions available on our governors for Parent Governors**. Information about the role of a Governor can be found on our school website in the 'Our School' section and by following this link to the Education Authority website.

[www.eani.org.uk/school-governance/apply-to-become-a-school-governor](http://www.eani.org.uk/school-governance/apply-to-become-a-school-governor)

The Parent Governor positions are open to any parent or guardian of a pupil of our school. Nominations for Parent Governor must be proposed and seconded by parents of pupils registered at the school. Parents should seek permission from any parent they wish to nominate, before submitting the nomination.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or wish to nominate a parent, please ask for an application pack at our school office.

Application packs should be returned to Mrs Wright by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Nominations will close at this time.

A ballot will follow if more than two nominations for Parent Governor are received.

### **Parent/teacher Meetings**

Preliminary notice - Our parent/teacher meetings will be conducted on the afternoons of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Pupils



will remain in school for lunch/dinner. P1-3 pupils and older siblings will finish at 1pm, and P4-7 will finish at 1:10pm each day that week. These meetings will be conducted face-to-face. Pupils should not attend with parents.

Our Activity Club will run from 1 to 2:45pm Monday-Friday during this week. Cost will be £4 per child per day. We will also offer a drop-in service for the duration of your interview for £2 - leave your child at the start of your interview and collect them once you are finished.

Further details of interview times will follow in due course. If there is a particular afternoon which does NOT suit you, please let the office know.

Enjoy the half term break.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Wright