



Year 1 Newsletter

September 2021



Our Class Motto is:
"Have a go!"
"Bee Wise, Sanitise!"



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to our new Year 1 children! Our 13, Year 1 children are:

Aideen Donnelly, Dara Gartland, Oliver McAnespy, Maya McCaffrey, Conleth McGinley, Amy McGirr, James McGirr, Claire McMaygh, Cillian McNally, Orlagh McRory, Annie-May O'Hanlon, Ethan Power and Erin Turbitt.

It is such an exciting time, but can also be nerve wracking for both parents and children. I'm sure your little one will settle well into their new school in the coming weeks and we all look forward to the fun and excitement that is to come in the year ahead.

Year 1 Topic Work

- All about Me
- Our Golden Rules
- Getting to know each other
- Our monthly value of 'Kindness'
- Working with Others
- Our Class Routines

Literacy

- Cutting Skills
- Early writing skills
- Pre—reading skills
- Sequencing Stories
- Listening to and responding to a story

Number

- Counting orally to 10
- Pattern work
- Sorting and Matching activities
- Topic work: Data Handling

How you can help at home!

- Talk to your child about the meaning of kindness—how can we show kindness to our friends and family.
- Ask your child can they name any of their new class mates. Tell your child why their name was given to them— are they named after a grandparent? An auntie? etc. This will help with class discussions later.

Encourage your child to wash their hands before meals, after they use the toilet & talk to your child about the importance of flushing the toilet and general hygiene.



Using the Computer



The children have access to the computer during our play activities each morning. If you have a computer at home, encourage your child to use it to play games, find out information or to enhance their learning. There are some really useful websites that provide age appropriate activities for children in early years. Here are a few for you to try:

- www.cbeebies.co.uk
- www.underfives.co.uk
- www.thekidzpage.com

SNACK TIME!

Milk or water is available for each child to drink during snack time. Please only send fruit OR a bread based snack in a plastic sandwich bag only. Please write your child's name on a banana skin or orange peel.

Baby Photo

Please send in a baby photo of your child for our class display and topic work. This can be sent to school in a envelop with their name on it, or alternatively emailed to the school. If a hard copy is sent, I will copy the photo and return it.

September Birthdays!



15th: Claire McMaugh
23rd: Maya McCaffrey

Drop Off

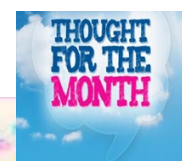
To keep children and staff safe, parents are asked to drop their children at the school gates in the morning. Mrs Mullin will greet your child at the mobile gate and will bring into the classroom where Mrs Mulryan will be supervising until 9.00am.

Schoolbags

Schoolbags are now permitted in school. However, the red bags provided are sufficient, if, as a parent you choose not to send in a schoolbag.

Hometime Routine

A little reminder that all parents / grandparents / child minders etc. are asked to **wait for their child (ren)** at 2pm, on the *inside* of our school gates.



ONE KIND WORD can change someone's entire day

The Golden Rule