

Safeguarding & Child Protection:

Our school Safeguarding team consists of Mr.S. Rogers & Mrs. C. Stack (Governors); Mrs R. Mc Ateer (Designated Teacher); Ms. D. Hughes (Deputy Designated Teacher); and Mr. S. Mc Kinley (Principal).

Child Safeguarding:

In our last whole school review of issues relating to Child Protection and school procedures, we draw parents' attention to the procedure for removing a child during the course of a normal school day. If a parent knows in advance of an occasion when a child will be collected early from school, they should inform school in advance either in writing or through the secretary. When the child is to be collected, parents should report to the office (9.30am – 1.00pm) where Mrs Murnion will make arrangements. Thereafter, (1.00 – 2.45pm) parents should gain entrance through the front door and make contact with either the Principal / Vice-Principal. On the occasion of a child being removed early from school, parents must sign a **Register** in the office.

Pupil Collection:

The parking bay area at the front of the school is now clearly marked as a **BUS ONLY** area. Parents are asked **NOT** to park in this area when dropping off or collecting children, but to use the **CARPARK** and to walk their children into the school yard. This is for everybody's safety. Last year, one or both buses were unable to pull in to allow children to get on the bus safely.

Health and Safety notice:

We wish to remind parents that there is **NO** supervision in our school before 8.45am each morning. If pupils arrive before this time, they should proceed directly to the hall and **NOT** to their classroom.

African Drumming Lessons:

Children from **P5 & 6** will shortly receive details of an exciting Music Project taking place in November. It's sure to be a **BIG HIT**.

Book Fair:

We will hold our annual school book fair during the week beginning **17th October**. Each class will be allocated a time to attend the fair and during these times we welcome parents and grandparents to attend with the children. The book fair is an important event in our school year as we continue to encourage and develop children's reading skills, it also enables us to obtain valuable reading resources for our classes as we are awarded commission on books bought by parents. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

School Census Date:

Next Friday 7th October is our annual School Census Day. We ask that any parent who knows in advance that their child/ren will be absent from school on this date, to contact school in advance and let us know.

Computer Based Assessments (P4-7):

From next week, pupils from P4-7 will begin computer based assessments in literacy (NILA) and numeracy (NINA). Pupils can access a 'Practice Area' at home by logging onto the CCEA website www.ccea.org.uk and clicking on this icon.

**Friends of Grange AGM:**

The AGM of the Parent Support Group will take place on **Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm**. We invite a representative from each family to attend this meeting which reviews the previous year's activities and discusses plans for the incoming year. It will be preceded at **6.30pm** by a 'Literacy Information' event for P1 parents.

Class Assembly:

Well done to the children in Mrs Digney's class who presented their assembly on Monday past. Thank you to everyone involved.

Competition Time:

Kilkeel Credit Union have launched this year's Art competition. The competition is open to ALL pupils. The theme this year is "**Dreams are made of this**". Entries must be landscape in design and submitted on either **A3 or A2** size paper. Each entry must have the pupil's name, age and school on the back and each entry must be accompanied by the appropriate signed Permission Entry Form. Closing date for return of entries to school is: **Monday 17th October**.

Gaelic Coaching:

Our P3/4 and P5/6 pupils will continue with their Gaelic coaching with Ambrose Rogers on Tuesdays. This is provided through our association with Cumann na mBunscoil and Down County Board. To assist with the cost of this coaching we will shortly provide parents with the opportunity to purchase tickets for a draw organised by Down County Board.

Reminder:

We ask children and parents to ensure there is no running up and down the recently sowed out bank in the carpark. The wildflower seed is very vulnerable to any trampling while it begins to germinate.

The Carlingford Lough Disaster:

We welcomed special visitors to our school on Monday 26th September. Mr M O'Hare and Mrs J McAreavey from Newry Maritime Association visited us to commemorate the disaster in which the SS Connemara and the SS Retriever collided on 3rd November 1916 with the loss of 94 lives. All of the children in our school had been learning about the disaster, many of them did their own research at home! The children, and family members who attended, thoroughly enjoyed the informative presentation and took part by answering and asking very thoughtful questions. We are grateful to Newry Maritime Association for their time and expertise. We also wish to thank Mr Sean Cunningham, Haulbowline lighthouse attendant from Greencastle, and Mr Peyton Cunningham, Grandfather of pupils Callum and Clarice for visiting our school also.

Attendance at Mass:

Upcoming class participation at mass:

P1/2/3 (6th Oct); P3/4 (13th Oct); P5/6 (20th Oct); P6/7 (3rd Nov);

Dates for the diary:

Monday 03 October – Primary 1 pupils remain until 2.00pm

Monday 03 October—Final 'Brilliant Grange' workshop with P7 pupils;

Wednesday 05 October - 'Play in A Day' with Konflux Theatre Company

Grange Primary School Board of Governors:

The regulatory body for our school, the Board of Governors, is constituted as below:

Mr. Sean Rogers (Chairperson & Safeguarding Representative/SELB Representative)
Fr. Sean Dillon (Trustee)
Mrs. Caitriona Stack (Trustee & Safeguarding Representative)
Mr. Oliver Sloan (Trustee)
Mr. Michael O' Rourke (Trustee)
Mrs. Anne Mullan (EA Representative)
Mr. Gerard Mc Givern (Dept of Education Representative)
Mrs. Linda Mc Conville (Parent Representative)
Mrs. Gail Digney (Teacher Representative)
Mr. Sean Mc Kinley (Principal)

The Board of Governors meet regularly, at least once per term, to consult and make decisions in relation to all aspects of school life - curriculum, teaching & learning, administration, staffing, finance and departmental policy.

If any parent wishes to make a contribution to any aspect of school life and feels the matter should be addressed by the Governors, *they should put the matter in writing and forward it to school, for the attention of the secretary to Grange Primary School Board of Governors. No individual Governor should be approached about any issue a parent wishes raised at a Governor's meeting.*

Up at The Kingdom:

Friday 30th September

7pm Kids Cinema Night

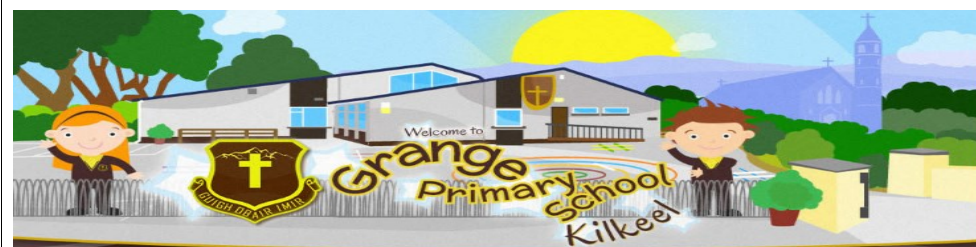
Saturday 1st October

12pm An Ríocht Juvenile (P1 to U12) Football Presentations

Wednesday 5th October

7pm U6/U8 & U10/U12 Camogie Presentations

Well done to the Minor Footballers and Senior Camogs
upon last weekend's success.



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Newry Maritime Association are pictured after their presentation on Monday.

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