



Cool News

November 2023

Diary Dates

30th Oct - 3rd Nov: (inclusive)
School Closed: half-term

11th Nov: SEAG Transfer Test

15th Nov: PTA Fashion Show

13th - 17th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week

13th Nov: Odd Socks Day

16 Nov: UNISON strike action

25th Nov: SEAG Transfer Test

1st Dec: Drop-in Day

6th Dec: PTA Movies & Munchies:
3-5 p.m.

8th Dec: Nursery Open Morning

7th Dec: Nursery Christmas Performance

14th Dec: School Christmas Performances @ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
School closes at 1.15 p.m.

20th Dec: Nursery Unit closes at 11 a.m., Primary School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners

21st Dec - 3rd Jan: (inclusive):
School closed: Christmas holidays

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Harvest Assembly. All of the Year 1-7 pupils participated during the Assembly. We would like to also say 'thank you' to Pastor Leonard who gave a word at the end.

We would also like to say 'thank you' for the contributions that were received for Omagh Food Bank. Once again the generosity was much appreciated.

Board of Governors

Following the recent election, the new parent representative on the Board of Governors is Mr Peter Alcorn. The new Vice-Chairperson is Rev. McFaul.

School Council

Our school council would like to thank everyone who supported their recent 'Break the Rules' day. £376 was raised for our school funds.

The next event that the school council have decided to organise is a shoebox collection for Samaritan's Purse. Leaflets have been sent home with all families with information as to suitable items to include in a shoebox. We would ask that all filled shoeboxes are returned to school by Friday 17th November.

Charity of the Year

Our school council has selected the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance as our school charity of the year.

Drop-in Day

On Friday 1st December we are planning to hold a Drop-in Day. On this day, anybody interested in visiting and learning more about our school is invited to drop in to pay us a visit. Visitors may be prospective parents, current parents, governors or friends of our school.

To help with organisation, current parents will be asked to book a time slot in advance of the day. This information will be shared at a later date on our online learning platforms—SeeSaw (Yr 1-4) and Google Classroom (Yr 5-7).



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to operate Monday—Friday from 8 a.m. Unfortunately, due to rising prices, it has become necessary to increase the costs to £3 per day.

The Club continues to operate on a drop-in basis with no pre-booking required.

Bottle Cap Recycling

Our school is participating in the SchoolCycled scheme. This scheme aims to get children involved in recycling while rewarding all efforts with earth points. These earth points are then exchanged for recycled products for the school. Pupils and their families are asked to collect plastic bottle caps and to send these into school. For every 1 kilo of bottle caps, school receives 250 earth tokens.

Please support our school by collecting and sending in any washed plastic bottle caps that you may have at home.

Open Days

Our Primary School Open Day will be held as part of our Drop-in Day on Friday 1st December while our Nursery Open Day will be held on Friday 8th December, 10.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

Please help spread the word and invite prospective parents to visit our school.

Strike Action

On **Thursday 16 November** UNISON union will be taking strike action. At this stage this action will affect school transport and school meals. Plans currently are for school to remain open, however school break and dinner will not be available. All pupils should bring in their own healthy snack and lunch on that day. We have received no further information regarding school transport.

Please note, arrangements may change at short notice and it may become necessary to close school for the day.

PTA

Plans are underway for our PTA Fashion Show on Wednesday 15th November at 7 p.m. Some familiar faces will be taking to the catwalk to showcase a variety of fashion from local shops which include Daisy Lane, Queen Bee and The Dressing Room for ladieswear, S.D. Kells for menswear and Dunnes Stores for childrenswear.

Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 per child. A raffle will also be held on the night. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 p.m. Please plan to come along and support this event and invite your friends and family.

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