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TOGETHER

# COOL NEWS



From Cooley School  
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## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

A special harvest service will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am in the assembly hall to which you are cordially invited. All classes in the primary school will participate in the worship and the address will be given by Rev. J Morrow. The service will last approximately one hour and a collection will be taken up for Tearfund's Indonesia Tsunami Appeal.



## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings have been planned for the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please note that the nursery and primary school will close earlier on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October to facilitate meetings. There will be no Cool Kids' Club on these dates. Please remember you can contact the school at any time to arrange a meeting with the class teacher if you have any concerns.  
Thank you.

## Cool Kids' Club



The Cool Kids' Club runs on a daily basis (term time) from 2.15 – 3.15 pm for pupils in primaries 1 & 2. The cost is £2 per day which includes a snack and the children enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities under the supervision of Mrs Lorraine Clements. Please remember to book your slots each Monday, detailing the days your child is staying and include the appropriate fee.

## FOOD BANK APPEAL



In a bid to help others who are struggling financially, we have decided to do our bit again this year to make donations to the local food bank which helps families in Omagh and surrounding villages. Pupils can bring donations to school and nursery from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please remember to give non-perishable goods such as tins or packets. Thanking you in advance.

## DIARY DATES

13 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Morning 10 – 12.30
15 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Meeting @ 7 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Fit & Fun Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Meetings
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly @ 9.30 am
29 <sup>th</sup> October	"Movie & Munch" Night @ 6.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery "Play & Stay" 9–10.15 am
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov (incl)	Mid-term Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Development Day (school & nursery closed)
10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	AQE tests
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – "Respect"
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity @ 10 am
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary School Christmas Performances @ 10 am & 7 pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term
Nursery closes at 11am and school at 12.30pm after an early lunch.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	New term commences

Remember all key dates are on the calendar on our school website – [www.cooleyps.co.uk](http://www.cooleyps.co.uk)

## ASDA GREEN TOKENS

Cooley recently received a cheque from Asda for £200 for school and nursery funds. This was the runner-up prize from the green token scheme. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this.



## COOLEY PS WELCOMES OUR PUPILS IN PRIMARY 1



## "Take a Peek Every Week"

Headlice continues to be a problem and we urge parents to be vigilant. Please spend a few minutes **each week** checking hair. It is advisable that girls with long hair should keep it tied up. Remember treatments are available free on prescription! Everyone needs to do their bit to eradicate this persistent problem.

### NURSERY NEW STARTS

We welcome all the new children to our nursery unit as well as those returning for a second year!



### NEW YEAR ... NEW FACES

Cooley PS officially welcomes Mrs Heather Anderson and Miss Nicola Phair to the school in their roles of classroom assistants.



### PTA NEWS

At the PTA AGM the following office bearers were elected:

Chairman - Mr Gordon Rennie  
Vice-Chairperson - Mrs Sandra Alexander  
Treasurer - Mrs Doreen Caldwell  
Assistant Treasurer - Mrs Victoria Kerr  
Secretary - Mrs Karen Atchison  
Assistant Secretary - Mrs Jennifer Byrne  
PR - Mrs Helen Anderson

A "Movie & Munch" Night has been organised for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October and it is also planned to host a "Santa Supper" for the second year. The provisional date is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

### ALLERGY ALERT

A little reminder that peanuts or any product containing nuts should **NOT** be sent to school or nursery. We thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

A new council has been established with pupil representatives from primary 3 to 7. These pupils will meet with Mrs Atchison to voice the opinions of their classmates and is a way to bringing forward new ideas for the benefit of all children in our school.



### ECO

Eco-Committee members for 2018-2019 are:  
Back row - Katelyn Jefferson, Louisa McClean, Joel McClure, Harvey McMaster and Harvey Jones  
Front row - Jack Byers, Corey McCartan, Leanne Hamilton, Cara-Lee Jefferson, Luke McClure and Nicole Byers



In September Anthea Owens from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council gave presentations on Waste Management to both Foundation/Key Stage 1 pupils and Key Stage 2 pupils, reminding us all of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

Our wildflowers, sown in June, continue to bloom in the raised beds at the side and back of the school.

## HARVEST Lunch

A special harvest lunch will be on offer to all pupils on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. If you don't normally take school dinner and wish to have it on this day, you must pay for it (£2.60) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### NSPCC

Pupils in the primary school were recently able to participate in workshops run by the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). The organisation highlighted the important message of "Speak Out, Stay Safe" and gave the children the age appropriate knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. The NSPCC were very thankful for the donation of £105 from the school. Thank you for supporting the work of the charity.



### Ulster Scots

Congratulations to the pupils below who achieved their Ulster-Scots Foundation Certificate for Education in snare drumming or piping. Well done to all!



### DEFIBRILLATOR



Cooley has a defibrillator available for public use. It is located in the foyer of the main primary school.

### Junior Road Safety Officers

We have recently appointed 3 new Junior Road Safety Officers. They are Leah Anderson and Esther Anderson in Year 6 & Louise Cuthbertson in Year 7. The aim of the JRSO scheme is to raise awareness of road safety throughout the school. The girls have already started a road safety notice board. Look out for it in the corridor. They will also be running some competitions, doing traffic surveys and delivering presentations to classes to highlight road safety issues.



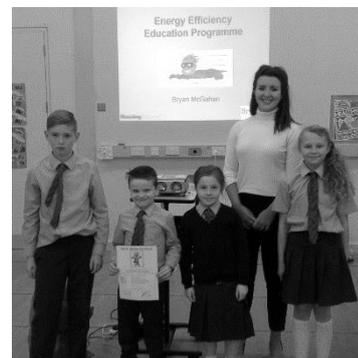
### Timely Appeal



As the new school year commences, just a little reminder that the primary school day commences at 9.15am when all pupils should be in class. The school premises are open from 8.45am when children can start arriving in their classrooms. We would also appreciate parents of year 1 & 2 pupils collecting their children promptly at 2.15 pm as Mrs Carrothers/Miss Gilfillan have other teaching commitments and duties. This would also prevent other classes and staff being disturbed with pupils not collected on time. We would greatly appreciate your co-operation in ensuring punctuality.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Pupils in Key Stage 2 enjoyed an energy talk from a representative from Bryson House. This ties in with the school's eco work.



## NURSERY PLACES

A number of places are still remaining in our nursery unit for this academic year. If you have a child and wish to consider sending them to the nursery this year, please contact the school to make an appointment, even if they fall into the younger age category. You may also know of a new family in the area who would be able to avail of a place. As you are no doubt aware, school budgets have been put under extreme pressure with a reduction in funding and if we were able to fill our spaces, this would assist a little.

## CONCUSSION AWARENESS

The Department of Education previously launched the 'Recognise & Remove: Concussion Awareness Campaign' and have asked schools to remind parents of the associated dangers. Please inform the school if your child has had any injury involving concussion which may affect any activities.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS/UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

I would encourage any family who feels they may be entitled to free school meals/uniform grant not to hesitate but get in touch with the Education Authority on 82411496 or contact the school for advice. This would be a great help financially for entitled families & also for our school which would benefit in our budget.

Who is eligible?

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can apply :**

If your son or daughter is in **full-time** education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:-

- Income Support;
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less.

Or:-

- if you are an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT); or
- if your child has a statement of special educational needs and is designated to require a special diet.

## SENAC

SENAC is an advice centre for parents of children with special educational needs. They are happy to provide help or advice on a range of special needs issues and can be contacted either via their advice line on

**90795779**

Or via their website at

**www.senac.co.uk**

## Burns Skills School Fit & Fun Day

A fit & fun day has been organised for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October for all our primary school pupils by Burns Skills School. Pupils may come to school in PE kits and bring £1 which will go directly to school funds. Thank you.



## Is Your Child in School?



**School attendance will benefit your child's future  
Non-attendance will be monitored  
Take responsibility – take an interest**

**MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT**

## HEALTHY EATING

Cooley PS encourages healthy eating and to this end participates in the **healthy breaks for schools** scheme where fruit, vegetables & bread-based snacks are consumed at break time and water & milk are available. Parents may send break with their children or pupils may purchase items from the school canteen on a daily basis. Nutritional meals are provided by our school canteen at a cost of £2.60 per day or pupils can bring a packed lunch. The Public Health Agency has produced two nutritional leaflets for parents - **Healthy breaks for schools** and **Are you packing a healthy lunch?** These are available to download from [www.publichealth.hscni.net](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net).

## COOL....NEWS



A reminder that in the event of frost, ice or snow, side school gates will be locked for safety reasons and pupils should enter through the front classroom doors. Please encourage your child/children in nursery & the main school to bring a coat, hat, scarf & gloves on a daily basis as we try to get outside during play, break & lunch where possible.

## CRITICAL INCIDENT

In the unlikely event of the school & nursery unit having to be evacuated off site in an emergency situation, plans have been put in place for the use of Cloughfin Orange Hall. This building is within safe walking distance of the school towards Sixmilecross and on the same side of the road. Parents will be contacted should such a situation arise.