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COOL NEWS



From Cooley School
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New Starts

As the new school year gets into full swing, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and families that have joined the school and nursery unit. This year we have 19 pupils in the nursery and 9 pupils in year 1. You are all very welcome to the Cooley community! Some snapshots below of the pupils at play.

Nursery Pupils



Year 1 Pupils



Diary Dates

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th October
Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th October

Wednesday 26th October
Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Wednesday 2nd October
Wednesday 14th December – 10 am and 7 pm
Wednesday 21st December

Parent Teacher Meetings
School closes at 1.15 pm after lunch and nursery at 11 am.
Flu Vaccines
School Development Day – school and nursery closed.
Hallowe'en holidays
Christmas performances
Last day of term – school closes at 12.30 pm after an early lunch and nursery at 11 am.

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A little reminder that in the event of frost, ice or snow, pupils should be careful as they enter school and nursery via their usual doors. Year 3/4 however should use the corridor door beside the Year 1/2 entrance on snowy/icy days. Please encourage your child to bring a hooded coat, hat, scarf and gloves on a daily basis as we aim to get outside during play, break and lunch wherever possible. It is also advisable to bring a change of footwear and socks on snowy days.

A Cooley Welcome

Cooley congratulates Mrs Naomi Byers on her new post as Foundation Classroom Assistant in Year 2. Mrs Byers is not a new face in the school as she worked last year in the Year 7 classroom. She is now wished well as she works with the Y2 pupils.



COOL KIDS' CLUB

Cool Kids currently runs each day on Mondays to Fridays (term time) from 2.15 to 3.15 pm for pupils in primary 1 and 2. The cost is £3 per day which includes a snack and the pupils enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities under the supervision of Mrs Clements.

AQE TESTS

Test 1 - Saturday 19th November 2022
Test 2 - Saturday 26th November 2022
Test 3 - Saturday 3rd December 2022

Eco-Committee

A new eco-committee has been elected recently with 2 representatives from each year group from years 3 – 7.

They are:

Year 3 – Joey Dickson and William Heekin
Year 4 – Ella Armstrong and Emily Crawford
Year 5 – Cameron Kenwell and Reuben Ormerod
Year 6 – Madison Jones and Katie Caldwell
Year 7 – Robert Black and Leah Caldwell



NUT-FREE SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

A reminder that Cooley Primary School and Nursery Unit is a 'nut-free' environment. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter by not sending any items for break or lunch that contain nuts/nut traces. Thank you.

Harvest Lunch

A special harvest lunch is planned for Thursday 27th October. If your child wishes to have this but does not normally take school dinner, then please send £2.60 in a named envelope on Monday 24th October.

The menu is:

Sausages

Chips

Chocolate brownie

Milkshake



Cooley Says Goodbye

It is with sadness that we will say goodbye to our school cook, Mrs Wendy Reid, on Thursday 27th October 2022.

She is wished all the best for her new job in Glebe Primary School.



Child Protection

Our designated teacher for child protection is Miss Cathcart and our deputy designated teachers are Mrs Carrothers and Mrs Byrne. Any queries or problems should be directed to them.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to help Cooley PS & Nursery Unit raise free donations. Remember [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) every time you shop online.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY doesn't cost you a penny extra!

A special assembly was held in the school on Wednesday 28th September 2022 for Mrs Atchison, first principal of the school, who had resigned as of 31st August 2022.

Pupils sang a specially written song to the tune of "How Much is That Doggy in the Window" and children from Year 5 & 6 said a poem based on an acrostic of Mrs Atchison, made up of adjectives to describe her.

Gifts were presented from Mrs Clarke (Chair of the Board of Governors), Hannah Cuthbertson (Y7) and Lilah Alcorn (Y2) on behalf of the parents, pupils and governors of the school.

Mrs Atchison responded with thanks and wished the pupils well in the future.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM GRANTS

- If you have not applied please do so as soon as possible
- It can take up to four weeks for an application to be processed
- If you have not received an email confirming your application please check your junk mail
- For more information please visit: www.eani.org.uk/fsm

HARVEST

In the run-up to the Halloween break, we plan to support the Food Bank at the Community Church, Omagh.

All non-perishable food gifts can be left in school by Wednesday 26th October.

Below is a list of suggested items that they are in particular need of:

Biscuits	Tea bags
Cereal (including variety packs)	Tinned Dessert
Crisps	Tinned Fish
Cuppa Soup	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Milk	Tinned Meals
Coffee	Spaghetti
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Meat
Super Noodles	
Tinned Potatoes	
Tinned Vegetables	



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of uniform, coats and lunchboxes, etc are clearly named. We already have had 'lost' items and it is extremely difficult to return to the rightful owner when items are not labelled.

On PE days in the primary school children may wear navy jogging/track suit bottoms or leggings and trainers, with their red PE polo shirts. Navy school jumpers and cardigans should also be worn but please send a hooded coat as well.

Cash for Clobber

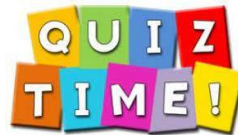
A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our school clothing bank. This is a great fundraiser and last year the school received £125.84 from the recycling company.

Keep up the good work!

PTA AGM & EVENTS

At their recent AGM the following officers were elected to the PTA.

Chair – Mrs Leigh Lyons
 Vice-Chair – Mrs Doreen Caldwell
 Secretary – Mrs Nicola Lyons
 Assistant Secretary – Mrs Lorraine Clements
 Treasurer – Mrs Dawn Cuthbertson
 Assistant Treasurer – Mrs Elaine Black.



A child-friendly table quiz is planned for Thursday 10th November at 7 pm in the school. Please plan to attend and invite your families and friends. As well as raising much-needed funds, this will be an opportunity to meet with new families in the school and the new principal.

The price will be £10 per table (limited to 6 per table) and will also include light refreshments.

Please come along and support this event.



A movie and munch night for pupils will take place on Monday 19th December at 6.30 pm.

More details later!