



October 2023 - Newsletter



Hallowe'en holiday

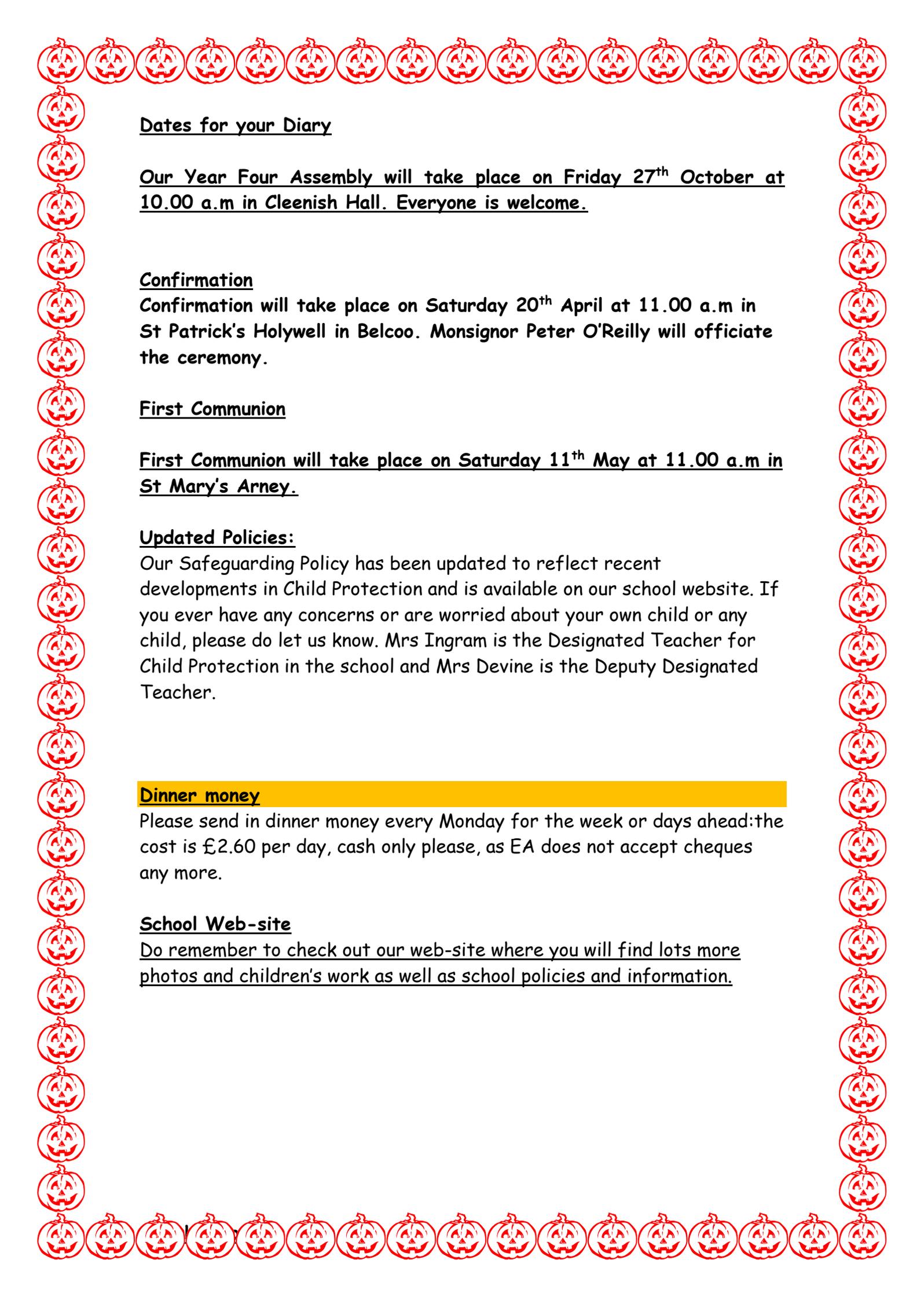
The school will be closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October , Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October .Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> , Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the Halloween Break.

Halloween Fun Day

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October we are having a Halloween Fun Day here in the school. We intend to have lots of Hallowe'en games, apple-bobbing etc. We also hope to have a disco in the Millennium Hall in the afternoon for the children. Children should come to school in fancy dress on this occasion.



P.2 are all ready for Halloween- Do you recognise anyone?



### Dates for your Diary

Our Year Four Assembly will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m in Cleenish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m in St Patrick's Holywell in Belcoo. Monsignor Peter O'Reilly will officiate the ceremony.

### First Communion

First Communion will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m in St Mary's Arney.

### Updated Policies:

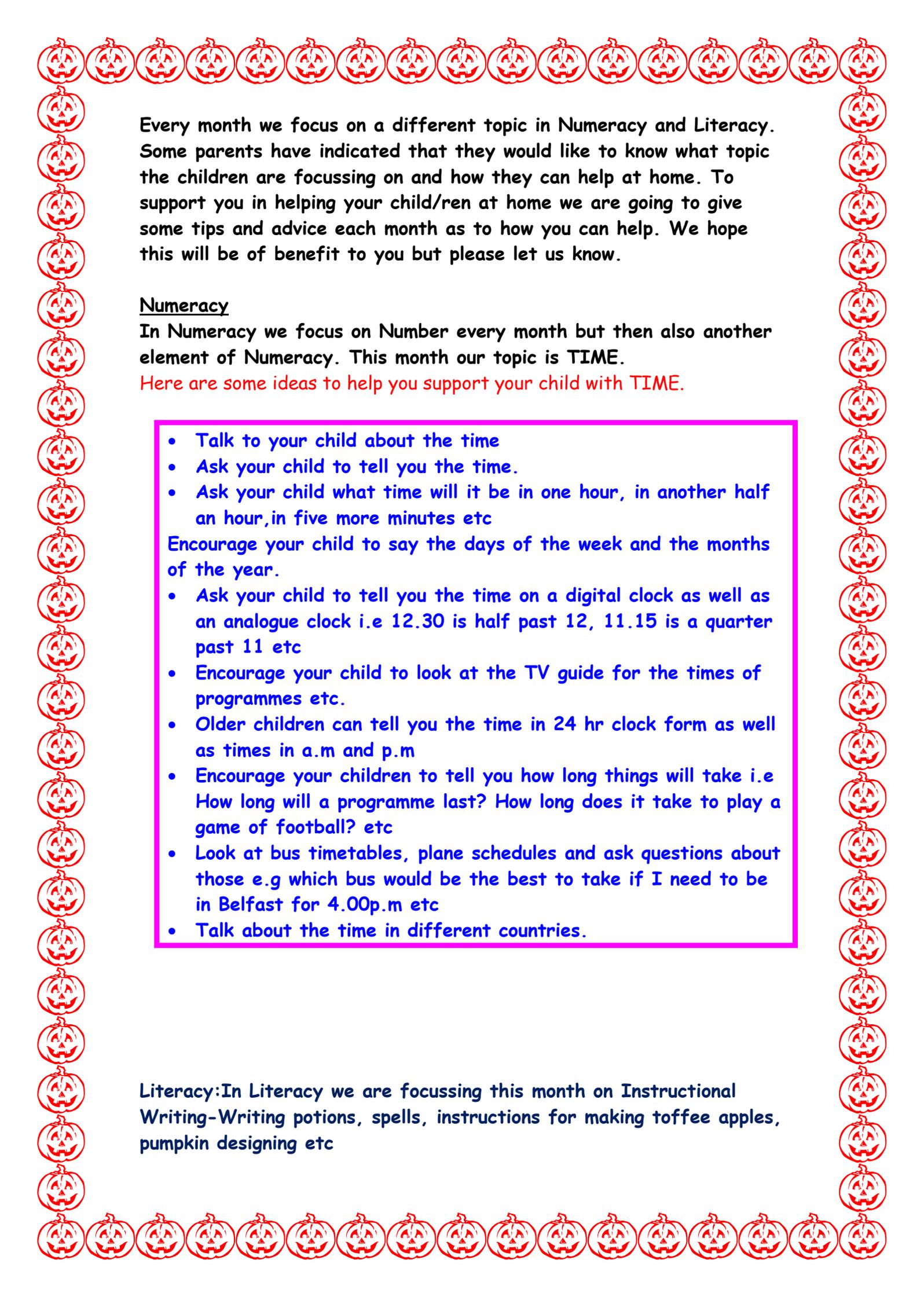
Our Safeguarding Policy has been updated to reflect recent developments in Child Protection and is available on our school website. If you ever have any concerns or are worried about your own child or any child, please do let us know. Mrs Ingram is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection in the school and Mrs Devine is the Deputy Designated Teacher.

### Dinner money

Please send in dinner money every Monday for the week or days ahead: the cost is £2.60 per day, cash only please, as EA does not accept cheques any more.

### School Web-site

Do remember to check out our web-site where you will find lots more photos and children's work as well as school policies and information.



Every month we focus on a different topic in Numeracy and Literacy. Some parents have indicated that they would like to know what topic the children are focussing on and how they can help at home. To support you in helping your child/ren at home we are going to give some tips and advice each month as to how you can help. We hope this will be of benefit to you but please let us know.

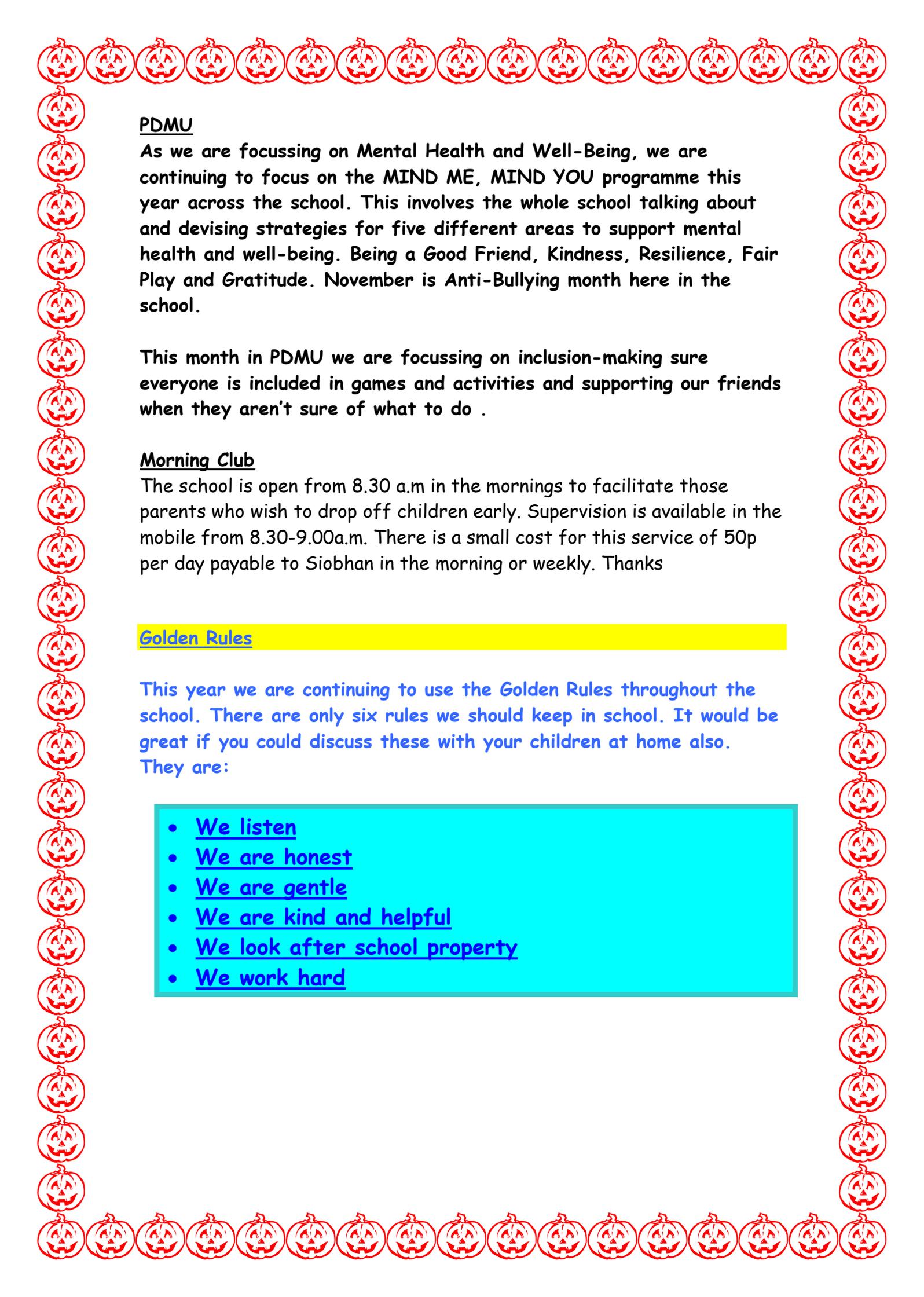
### Numeracy

In Numeracy we focus on Number every month but then also another element of Numeracy. This month our topic is TIME.

Here are some ideas to help you support your child with TIME.

- Talk to your child about the time
  - Ask your child to tell you the time.
  - Ask your child what time will it be in one hour, in another half an hour, in five more minutes etc
- Encourage your child to say the days of the week and the months of the year.
- Ask your child to tell you the time on a digital clock as well as an analogue clock i.e 12.30 is half past 12, 11.15 is a quarter past 11 etc
  - Encourage your child to look at the TV guide for the times of programmes etc.
  - Older children can tell you the time in 24 hr clock form as well as times in a.m and p.m
  - Encourage your children to tell you how long things will take i.e How long will a programme last? How long does it take to play a game of football? etc
  - Look at bus timetables, plane schedules and ask questions about those e.g which bus would be the best to take if I need to be in Belfast for 4.00p.m etc
  - Talk about the time in different countries.

**Literacy:**In Literacy we are focussing this month on Instructional Writing-Writing potions, spells, instructions for making toffee apples, pumpkin designing etc



## PDMU

As we are focussing on Mental Health and Well-Being, we are continuing to focus on the MIND ME, MIND YOU programme this year across the school. This involves the whole school talking about and devising strategies for five different areas to support mental health and well-being. Being a Good Friend, Kindness, Resilience, Fair Play and Gratitude. November is Anti-Bullying month here in the school.

This month in PDMU we are focussing on inclusion-making sure everyone is included in games and activities and supporting our friends when they aren't sure of what to do .

## Morning Club

The school is open from 8.30 a.m in the mornings to facilitate those parents who wish to drop off children early. Supervision is available in the mobile from 8.30-9.00a.m. There is a small cost for this service of 50p per day payable to Siobhan in the morning or weekly. Thanks

## Golden Rules

This year we are continuing to use the Golden Rules throughout the school. There are only six rules we should keep in school. It would be great if you could discuss these with your children at home also. They are:

- We listen
- We are honest
- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We look after school property
- We work hard

### After-School activities

Our after-school activities continue with Netball on Mondays and Soccer on Wednesdays. Children who are going to these activities after-school can wear their P.E Kit to school. Thanks.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place over the next few weeks. Class teachers will be in touch with you to advise you of a date and time.

### Exercise-A-Thon

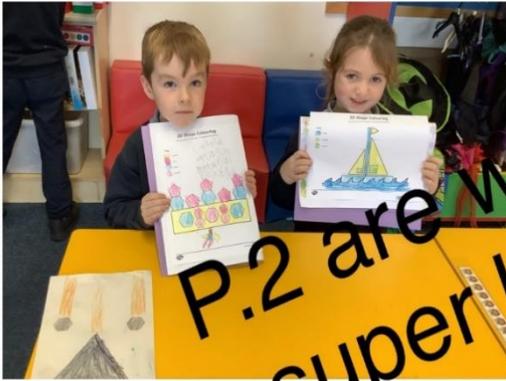
Thank you so much for your generous support for our Exercise-A-Thin. You raised £2051 so far. We had a great day. This will go a long way to paying for our P.E activities. Thank-you so much again. We really appreciate your amazing support.



Look what we are getting up to around the school!



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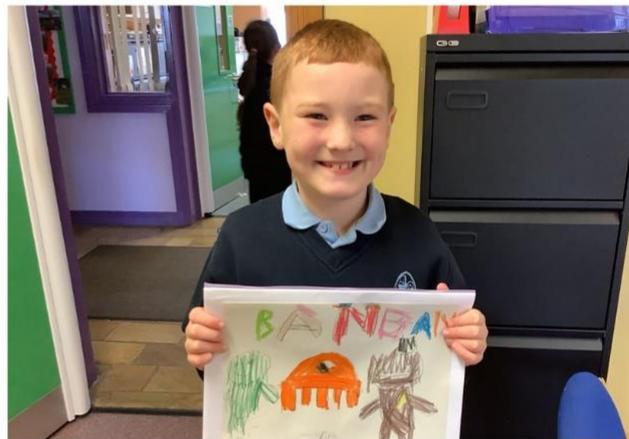
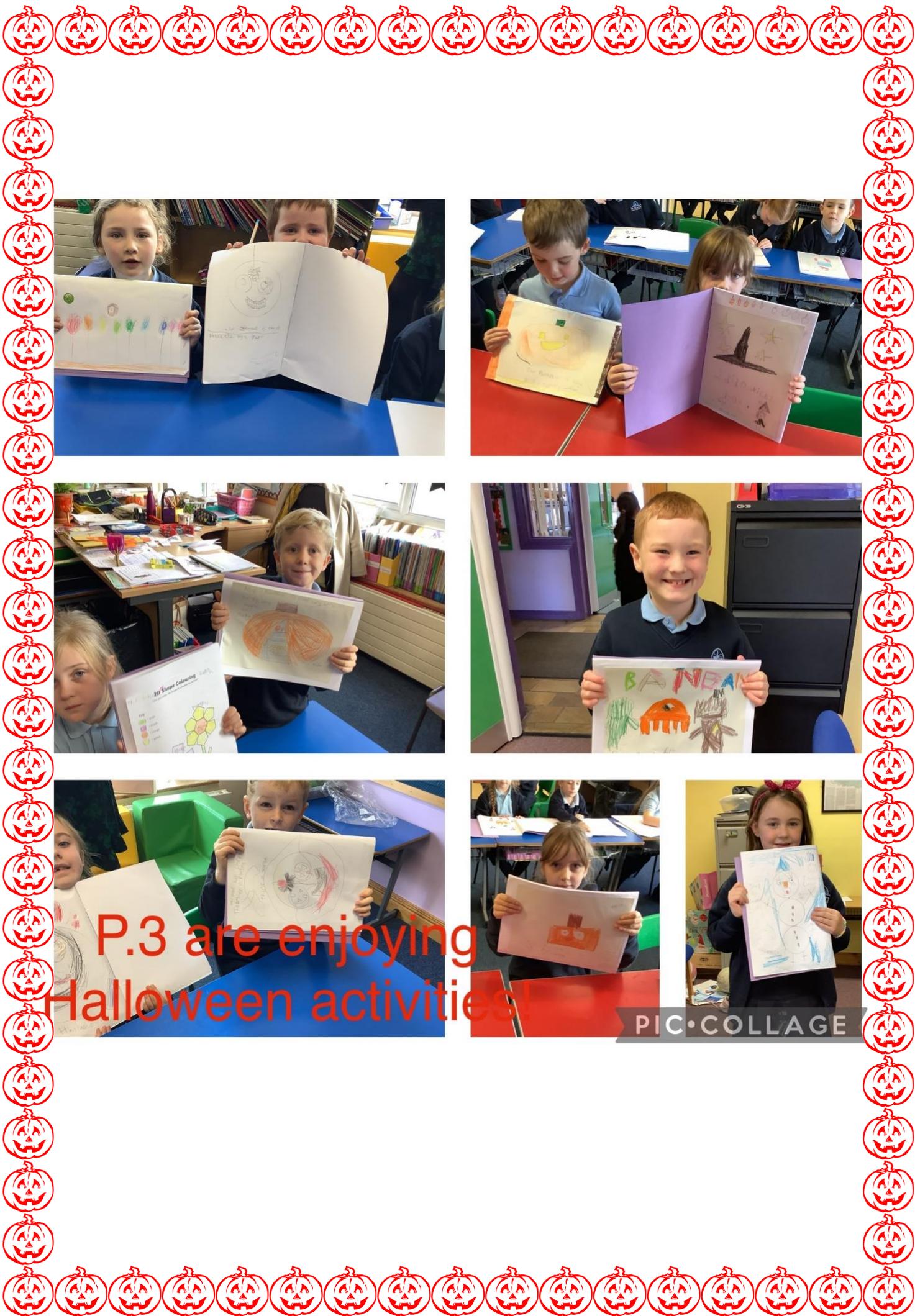
P.2 are working super hard!!





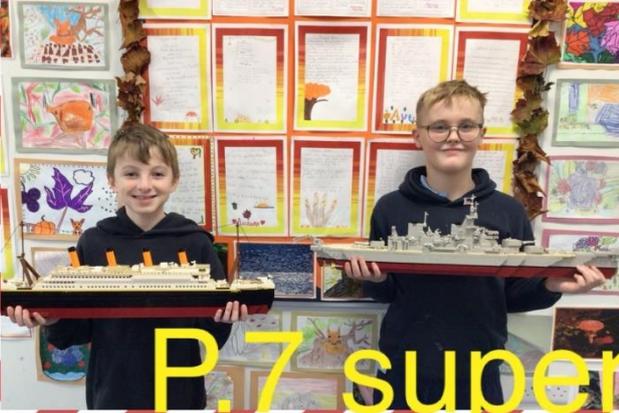






P.3 are enjoying Halloween activities!

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P.7 superstars!



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P.5/6 enjoyed a great day out at the Planetarium in Armagh. We learned so much about Space and our universe.