



## October 2019 - Newsletter

### Hallowe'en holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, for the Halloween Break.

### 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.

### Halloween Fun Day

On Friday 25<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.



### Reminder

No nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school.  
Thanks.

### School Mass

Our school Mass will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Church Arney at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### P.1 Assembly

P.1 assembly will now take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10 o'clock, everyone is welcome.



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### Whole School Focus;

This year our main targets for development across the school are:

Literacy: Guided Reading

Numeracy: Shape and Space.

ICT: Using ICT in Literacy

PDMU: Mental Health and Well-Being

PTFA: Our PTFA have done a brilliant job over the last few years in securing funding and raising funds for the school. Because of this funding we have been able to have after-school clubs, buy new computers and ipads, enjoy fun days out and we have had lots of support at school functions with tea/coffee etc. The women involved have been superb in their efforts. They do need your support this year to continue on with the many great events that they are running. If you can help out at all please do let us know.

### 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.

### P.E

Children from Year 1-4 will be having Creative Dance with Shauneen on a Wednesday afternoon. This will cost £5 per child for the next eight weeks. Please send in, in an envelope with your child's name marked Dance. Many thanks.



### Monthly Focus

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.





### 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

### Parent /Teacher Meetings

Parent /Teacher meetings are being scheduled for the end of the month before the mid-term break. Teachers will let you know the date and time. Throughout the rest of the year, you are always welcome to speak to your child's teacher about any matter relating to your child. However, it is very important if you wish to speak to your child's teacher about a significant matter that you make an appointment, at a mutually convenient time. This is so that the teacher can give you their full attention and speak to you in confidence. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### Golden Rules

This year we are continuing to use the Golden Rules throughout the school. There are only six rules we have to 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



### Shared Education

Our Shared Education Programme is thankfully up and running this year. We will be working with the other local schools, Florencecourt P.S, St Mary's, Killesher and St Naile's, Kinawley. Due to significant funding cuts there are only three classes involved this year. Yr 1, Yr 2 and Year Four. These programmes will provide our children with opportunities to mix with children from other schools as well as trips away and days in the other schools. We are really looking forward to being involved again. Yr 1 children will be involved in Play-Based Learning, Yr 2 children will be working on Practical Maths, Yr 4 children will be focussing on The World Around Us.

Movie Night takes place in the school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All children come to the school dressed in their own clothes, most wear their jammies. They watch a movie with their friends and enjoy popcorn and treats. The Movie Night starts at 6.30 p.m and lasts until 8.30 p.m. £5 per child.

### PTFA Update

Welcome back to another school year everyone. Please note that the school has a PTFA that meets regularly throughout the year to assist with funding activities, planning events and ensuring the pupils of Mullymesker get the best experience possible during their time at school. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along to meetings or assist by volunteering at an event. The new committee is up and running and have the following dates for your diary:

Movie Night @ school Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-8.30 in the school.  
Sponsored Autumn Welly Walk @ Florencecourt Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November(TBC)  
Santa Sunday @ Cleenish Millennium Hall Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

These events are centred around the children and will help raise valuable funds to finance school activities, hall hire throughout the year and sports and recreation guest trainers attending the various classes.

A special word of thanks to Corrigan's and Connolly's for the use of the fields for car parks during the bike races in June. This has raised very important funds for the school.

Please sign up to Classlist to receive all PTFA notifications.

If you have a query or an idea please contact the PTFA anytime on [mullymeskerptfa@gmail.com](mailto:mullymeskerptfa@gmail.com)

Sarah Moon  
(Secretary)



### Cleenish to Cuilcagh

Our Year 5 and 6 children are working on a variety of topics this year with our Cleenish to Cuilcagh partners. They visited Arney dig and found muskets, pottery etc these were over 500 years old. They will also be working with an Artist and a Playwright this term as they discover more about our locality.



### P.3 Assembly

Well done to our Year 3 children who performed their Super-heroes





## **Musical Pathways**

**Gerda Gallogly visits the school every week to work on Musical Pathways with our Year 1-3 children. It's a fun way to develop skills in music. Below are P.2 enjoying their music with Gerda.**







Harvest time at St Mary's

Miss Tracey and the gardening club have been harvesting all the vegetables that were growing in our Poly tunnel. This year was the first time we grew tomatoes and wow did we grow them. Look at the amount of them we grew and lots of different varieties. Well Done everyone.



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### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in the school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October arriving at 9.00 a.m. He will be available to take family photos from 9.00 a.m. If you wish your child to have their photo taken please fill in the reply slip below. Photos will not be taken without permission. Thanks

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### Reply Slip

Re: School photographer

I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to have their  
photograph taken together by the school photographer. ☐

I would like an individual photograph taken. ☐ ☐

I would like a family photograph taken. ☐ ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

Please tick as appropriate