



October 2022 - Newsletter



Hallowe'en holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 31st October , Tuesday 1st , Wednesday 2nd , Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th November for the Halloween Break.

Halloween Fun Day

On Thursday 27th 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.



Dates for your Diary

Our Year Four Assembly will take place on Friday 28th October at 10.00 a.m in Cleenish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Jumper Day: Children can all wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 8th December, if they have one, if not just something Christmassy. If anyone has any Christmas jumpers which are too small or they are not using any more, please send them into us.

Christmas Show

Our Christmas Show will be held on Thursday 15th December at 10.00 a.m in Cleenish Hall.

First Communion will take place on 13th May 2022 in St Mary's Church, Arney at 11.00 a.m.

Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church, Arney on Friday 5th May at 6.30 p.m.

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.

Anti-Bullying Policy

A draft copy of our Anti-Bullying Policy is available to look at on our school website in Policies. Please read it and if there is anything you would like clarified or would like to add please let us know by Friday 28th October. Thanks.

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.

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.

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 going to do 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 Being a Good Friend-what a good friend looks like in our school, being kind, saying nice things, being helpful etc

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.



Cross Country Superstars!!

Well Done to Kate and Bradley who did brilliantly in the Flahavan's Cross Country last week. They have both qualified for the next round in Necarne, at the beginning of December.

Congratulations to our amazing violinists who all received their music medals this week. Well Done everyone.



Ethan, Isabella, Ethan and Anna are all outstanding.



Amazing News

Congratulations to Oisin McGahey who has been scouted by West Ham Utd. It's just fabulous news.

A decorative border of red-outlined jack-o'-lanterns surrounds the entire page. The pumpkins are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some on the top and bottom edges and others forming vertical columns on the left and right sides.

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

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. Our Year 1,5 and 7 children will be involved in the programme. 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.

Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs

Mrs Cullen and Shanna from Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs will be coming to the school on Friday afternoons to take our Year 5,6 and 7 children for Gaelic skills and development. Yr 5/6/7 children should wear their P./E kit to school. Thanks.

After-School activities

Our after-school activities started this week with Dance/Drama and Soccer. Children who are going to these activities after-school can wear their P.E Kit to school. Thanks.

Garden Development

Our new outdoor garden is looking amazing. Already we are reaping the benefits of being able to get out into the garden to plant and become expert gardeners. But also, we are using it for lunchtime games, art, numeracy, science etc. We really appreciate how lucky we are to have such an amazing resource. We are so thankful and appreciative for all the help we have had in getting our garden to this stage. You are very welcome to come along and have a look and see what we have achieved so far. If anyone else is available to help us out please let us know as there is always lots to do.



PFTA

We are hoping to get our PFTA up and running again this year. There will be a meeting in the school on Tuesday 8th November at 7.00 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of our committee or would just like to be involved, please do come along.