



Newsletter

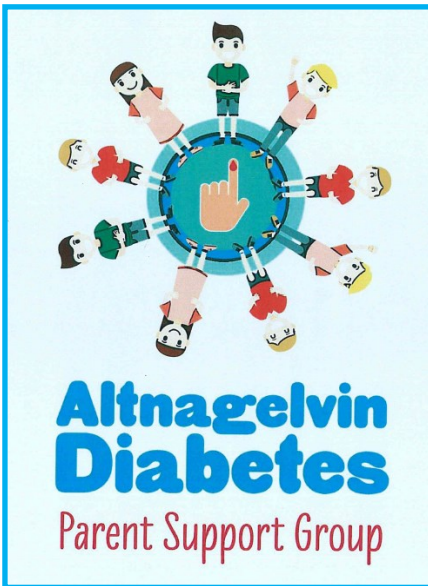
8th November 2019



| Dates for your Diary | |
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| Non-uniform Day for World Diabetes | Friday 15 th November |
| Election Day | Thursday 12 th December |

December Election

A Westminster election is taking place on **Thursday 12th December** and our premises is used as a polling station.
There will be no school that day.



As mentioned in the Hallowe'en Newsletter, **next Friday 15th November** we will hold a **Non-uniform Day** as a fundraiser to raise awareness of World Diabetes Day. World Diabetes Day has been nominated to raise awareness of Type 1 & Type 2 Diabetes.

Two pupils in our school have Type 1 Diabetes and many of us now know much more about this chronic condition.

Funds raised will be donated to the local Parent's Support Unit based at Altnagelvin Hospital. The wonderful nurses based there provide support and advice for people with diabetes, their families and indeed the staff in the schools where young people under 16 attend.

Children are asked for a donation of at least £1 instead of wearing their uniform.

Shoebox Appeal

THANK YOU to all those who donated shoeboxes to our annual appeal. **136 boxes** were collected and are now on their way to desperately underprivileged people in Eastern Europe. Photographs show some helpers carrying boxes to the collection van. Thank you Mrs Campbell for co-ordinating this project.



Annual Poppy Collection

The annual poppy collection got underway this week. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause through their children purchasing lots of little snap-bands, bracelets, zip ties, rubbers, etc.



Families Together



Top Tips for Parents

Tuesday mornings (9:15 am - 10:15 am)
St Catherine's PS (Senior Site, Barrack St), Strabane

Come along for a cuppa and find out more about these topics:

- 12 Nov 2019: Dealing with Bullying
- 19 Nov 2019: Child Anxiety
- 3 Dec 2019: Mental Health
- 10 Dec 2019: E-safety
- 17 Dec 2019: Improving Self-Esteem

Ring freephone 0800 8010 722 to book a place or just turn up on the morning.





Mathletics

Congratulations to Leah Barr P6C, Calvin Edgar P7McN and Keilith Devine P7McG who have achieved GOLD certificates in the past two weeks. Well done everyone.

We continue to be delighted to see a good number of Primary 1 children achieving awards in our Wednesday assemblies. Mrs Campbell was in very cheerful mood last Wednesday as she praised a large number for continuing to use Mathletics during the mid-term break.



Diwali

Congratulations to P5K who staged a wonderful performance at St Patrick's Hall, Strabane on Friday 25th October. Pictured below are the boys and girls dressed in traditional Indian costumes which looked spectacular as they entered the stage carrying their handmade dias and performing their poem and finally their dance. A huge thanks goes to Kamini Rao and Manu, from SECA (Strabane Ethnic Community Association), who spent 5 weeks teaching the children about India through the media of dance, poetry and art. All pupils were treated to chicken curry, rice and naan bread afterwards.

School Gates

In a recent focus group of parents it was noted that parents and children appreciate the various school gates being closed. Whilst school staff make every effort to keep all gates closed during school hours it is most helpful if anyone using either the pedestrian or vehicle gates close these again. Thank you for supporting us in this effort.

PCSP Signage

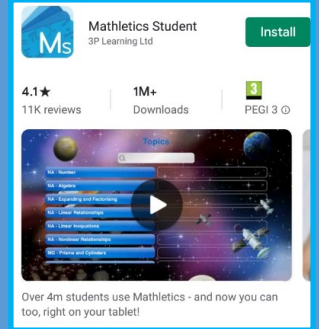
PCSP (Policing and Community Safety Partnerships) have kindly presented the school with Safety posters for use at the school gates. They are photographed here with P7 leaders of our School Council.

During the winter months, when more families may use their cars, we remind everyone collecting or dropping off children to be patient and thoughtful of everyone's safety. **Please: pay attention to our signage, collect your child/ren at their gate from staff unless agreed otherwise with their teacher and keep everyone safe.**



Rights Respecting School Award

Right of the month for November is Article 19. All children have the right to be kept safe from harm and protected against violence and abuse. Our Ambassadors delivered a very informative assembly this morning, when they told us about some of our rights and what that meant in everyday life.



The Mathletics app can also be downloaded on-to tablets and mobile phones so children can use their personal login anywhere, anytime free of charge since the school has paid for it.