

# Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022



## Autumn Term – Dates for your Diary

Parenting NI Coffee Morning	Tuesday 18th October Youth Wing
KPMG Internet Safety Talk P6 & P7	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Preparation for Confirmation Mass – St Theresa's Church	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October at 6.00pm
Crazy Hair Day Hallowe'en Disco	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Influenza Vaccinations	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Hallowe'en <b>Family</b> Table Quiz	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 7 – 9pm
<b>Hallowe'en Break</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>

## Milk Money

Please send milk money for November in an envelope by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The cost for November is £3.60. December's payment will be £3.00 for anyone wishing to pay for the rest of Term 1.

## COATS

Please ensure your child brings a coat each day now that the weather is getting colder and damper. We can often let them outside for a short while if the rain is not too heavy. This is important for ventilation and everyone's health.



## Primary One

An important aspect of a child's education is developing independence. We practice this in many forms, hanging up my own coat, putting on and fastening it, carrying my own things I need, etc. Primary One have now learned where their classroom door is and how to line up with their classmates at the end of break and lunchtime. So, from 7<sup>th</sup> November Primary One children will walk to their classroom in the mornings, leaving their adult at the gate. The playground and classrooms they are going to are supervised from 8.45am.

## PTFA Fundraising

A 'fun' Table quiz with Will Sproule will be held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday 27th October. Starts at 7pm, with doors opening at 6.30pm. The cost is £10 per team with a maximum 6 people (including children) per team. Tea/coffees will be available. Prizes for winning team For those who enter into the Hallowe'en spirit, there will be prizes for fancy dress costume.

## Please Note

If your child arrives **after** supervisors have left the gates/path they must go to the main front door where Mrs Lynch will admit them. This is important to ensure their safety as they could be locked outside and not be noticed because all of the exterior doors lock closed to ensure children's safety. Supervisors remain at the gates/path until 9.05 approximately.

Anyone collecting a child early is expected to go to the office and your child/ren will be brought/come to there. This applies even if it is almost home time.

## Neat Handwriting AWARD



### Hand-writer of the Month September

P1S	Freya Millar
SpLU	Leo Dooher
P1/2H	Paityn Smith
P2/3McE	Aimee McCaughey
P3L	Laylah Stewart
P4/5K	Evie Sheen
P5C	Leah Orr
P6McG	Alex Patterson
P6/7C	Eamon Lynch



### Student Council

Our Student Council got off to a great start at their introductory meeting on last week. They spent some time getting to know each other and what their role will be. From P1 to P7 they were very tuned in and happy to contribute to the discussions. This week they will be electing the officers - Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Vice-secretary etc. We're looking forward to a productive year's work with the council.



Well done to all the boys and girls who scooted or cycled to school during 'Cycle to School' week. It's excellent for our Active Travel programme to see so many children scooting, cycling or walking to school. Even those who must come a distance by car are parking further away and walking. Thank you parents/carers for supporting your child/ren in thinking better about being active. There are some great photos on our Facebook page

**Our Primary 3s have just started a project funded by Dept for Infrastructure NI, on Pedestrian Safety. They are learning about safe walking and will have a practice with Gareth from DfI in November.**

### DLD Day

What a fun day Miss Walsh's class had on Thursday raising awareness of DLD (Developmental Language Delay) Everyone wore something purple and/or yellow. We had treats and visitors all day. See the school website for photos.



### Internet Safety

Thank you to Allstate for giving an excellent and informative talk to P4 and P5 on Internet Safety. KPMG are coming on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to present to P6 and P7 on this vital life skill. Internet Safety is an important and statutory aspect of children's learning and it is very supportive to have an outside voice backing up what teachers, classroom assistants and parents say.

