



Newsletter

25th October 2019



Hallowe'en Disco

Hallowe'en Holidays

We hope everyone has a safe and fun Hallowe'en break. School reopens for pupils on **Monday 4th November**.



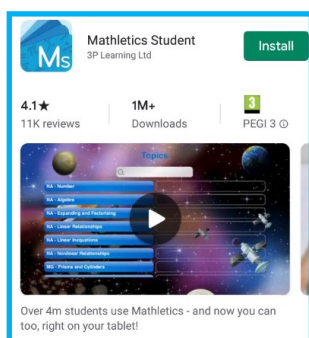
Mathletics

Congratulations to Cara Brown P3K, Lexi Millar P3K, Isabella Roche P5K, Jarlath Hegarty P5C, Conn Kelly P5C Hannah McCoach P6C and Mia Callaghan P7McG who have achieved GOLD certificates in the past two weeks. Well done everyone.

The October winners of the cinema tickets are Adam Craig P1S, Sophie Le Provost P1W, Abbie McMullen P2H, Dylan Forbes P3K, Gracie Hamilton P3McA, Jodie McGuigan P5K, Emily McClintock P5C, Caoimhe McGrinder P7McN and Matthew Russell P7McG.

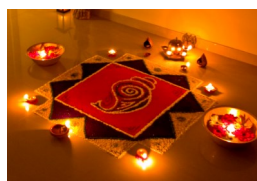
Mrs Campbell paid special tribute to AJ Laughlin, Adam Craig, Abbie Preston, and Aodhan McNamee, all in Primary 1 who have earned themselves Bronze certificates already.

The Mathletics resource adapts to the age and learning stage of the child using it so it is a resource Extended School's funding is channelled into as it can support all children.



The Mathletics app can also be downloaded onto tablets and mobile phones so children can use

Diwali



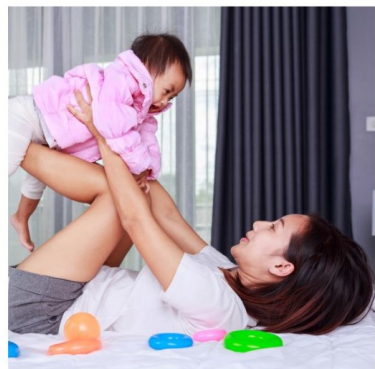
We are so proud of our P5K class as they went off to St Patrick's Hall this morning to take part in the annual Diwali performance. The boys and girls have been putting their heart and soul into practicing and learning about the celebration of Diwali. They put on a fantastic performance at assembly this morning and have also produced some gorgeous rangoli decorations. We are sincerely grateful to the Strabane Ethnic Community for supporting this topic each year. **See school website for photos.**

A massive THANK YOU to the PFTA who organised the **Spooktacular Hallowe'en Disco** on Thursday night. Thanks also to all who helped on the night and to the helpers at home who ensured the boys and girls turned out in some fantastic costumes and with fabulous faces. Congratulations to Verity, Owen, Cheyanne and Harley who won Best Costume awards. In P4/5 Abbie, Conn, Isabella, Isla, Harry and Riley Patterson won Best Dancer awards. In P6/7 it was Erin, Katie, Holly, Tristan, Lucas and Abi. It was a brilliant fun night that set everyone up for a welcome break.



See school website for many more photographs of the senior disco. Photos from the junior disco were too late for this Newsletter but will be on the website.

Make our home language number one
So we can talk, play and have fun



Sing a rhyme anytime
Start your child learning
for a lifetime!



HSC South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust HSC Public Health Agency SureStart

Student Council

We are delighted to introduce you to our new Student Council for 2019/20. They have already been busy overseeing the selection process for the Playground Buddies. They announced the successful candidates on Monday at Assembly and their photo will be in our next Newsletter.



Spare Clothes

Please return any of our spare trousers, tights, jumpers that have been sent home when your child needed a change. We would be grateful if children had a spare pair of socks/tights/dark jogging bottoms in case they fall. The children need and love getting outside and like to access the grassy areas but can be more likely to slip at this time of year.



REMINDER

Shoebox Appeal

We are most grateful to all the families who so generously support this effort and look forward to building a wall of boxes after the Hallowe'en break. If you are shopping over the break and can spare something for this worthy cause; this is deeply appreciated. **Boxes need to be in school by Monday 4th November.** Thank you.

World Diabetes Day

Many of us are aware of Diabetes but don't know very much about it until suddenly we know someone who has been diagnosed with it. For some it is a lifelong condition and we have pupils in our school who have it. There is some wonderful support available both locally and nationally. Like most health issues there is need for additional support over and above what is available through the NHS. So to raise public awareness a day has been designated as World Diabetes Day. It is on 14th November every year. It's a day when millions of people around the world come together to raise awareness of diabetes.

This year on Friday 15th November we will hold a Non-uniform Day as a fundraiser. 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.

Further details after the Hallowe'en break.

School Dinner

A new winter menu will be posted on the school website. This menu begins on Monday 4th November



Road Safety Awareness

This photograph demonstrates the importance of children wearing bright, reflective clothing during the winter months. **The child is present in both** but practically impossible to see in the bottom picture. Children were shown this at assembly on Monday to raise their awareness.