

Football: Well done to Year 6/7 footballers who played very well in recent blitz against Cullyhanna and Clonalig at the Rangers .

Cross Country: Fantastic performances from all of our runners at this year's first regional race. The girls team finished 4th and the boys finished 6th by narrowest of margins . Special mention to medal winners Lynsey Kelly and John Begley who finished 2nd and 1st in their respective races. Maith sibh gach daoine. Many thanks to Miss Donaldson for looking after and preparing the children. Next race early December.

Credit Union: A reminder that children can save money in the Credit Union by bringing it into school . Some of our Y7 children have recently received training by the Credit Union and will now act as Tellers/Collectors. Money can be brought in and lodged on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. This allows children to develop a good habit of saving money. It's important to have parental permission and parents need to join with the Credit Union initially

Comhaltas: The school is now busy on a Tuesday evening with the local Comhaltas –An Bonnan Bui. It is great to see so many children learning to play a traditional instrument. You can still register to play fiddle, guitar ,banjo .tin whistle etc.

Dinners: Please ensure that all dinner money/ after schools money is paid on a weekly basis. Dinners now cost £2.65 a day in Primary (and £2.60 in Nursery). Dinners must be made promptly Thank you

Autumn lunchtime league is coming to a frenzy -is semi-final time. Watch out for results on FB Many thanks to M Michael for organising and Miss Donaldson/M Barra for reffing -The children look forward to the matches every day.

Best wishes: After 45 years of preparing meals in our school canteen Mrs. Margaret Galbraith has officially retired. Nothing was ever too much bother for Margaret. She always went out of her way to make requests happen. Whilst we all fondly remember her tasty dinners and desserts we will also recall her smiling face and soft spoken manner. On behalf of everyone we wish Margaret all the best in her retirement with her husband, Jim and family. She can now continue to make her delicious meals but just for her family now. We will acknowledge Margaret's retirement at an event later in the year.

We would also like to pass on our best wishes to Mairead Brennan who has moved on to a new post with the Education Authority. Mairead has spent 13 years in our school in a variety of roles including classroom assistant in both our English and Irish streams. This flexibility and adaptability typified Mairead who could be seen in various roles and situations throughout her time with us. We shall all miss her calm, friendly and caring disposition. Ádh mór

Congratulations to our colleague Stephanie, and Neil on the birth of their son Tommy. Good health and happiness for the future to the young man.

WEB BASED SOLUTIONS: Children within the school have access to a number of web based solutions. We have bought into these solutions because results and studies have shown that when used regularly they help to raise standards in literacy and numeracy.

Mathletics is an online numeracy program which encourages improvements in numeracy. (Years 4-7 have their own User Name and Password. www.mathletics.co.uk

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Shared Education

The joint Traditional Group from St Patrick's PS and Markethill PS recently performed at a Shared Education Conference in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown which was organised by the Department of Education. They played and sang exceptionally well and many people commented on the lovely entertainment the 2 schools provided.

Planning for the year is now completed. P6 and P5 will kick off the Shared Lessons programme with a focus on literacy and numeracy respectively.

P4 will begin their lessons in November with a literacy focus. Many thanks to the coordinators Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr Qua from Markethill PS

After School in Youth Club: Parents need to ring the office if your child is not attending Youth Club on a certain day. Thank you. P1 and R1 children are able to attend after school in the youth club from Tuesday 2nd October. We would ask parents to be sure that your child is ready for the extra hour in terms of tiredness. Please call the school to register your child if not already done so.
Programme for P1 and R1
Mon Games Tue –Cooking Wed - Drama Thu -Art. Thank You.

Cool for School Photos:

Families will receive their photos back soon. Please let the school know if this hasn't happened. The photographer will return again in early March to take group photos of Year 1 and Year 7 and any outstanding individual/family photos. Family photos with Nursery children will take place later in the Nursery. All children with sibling sin Nursery will be sent over for a sibling photo on that day.

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the season of autumn most children have now settled in to the school year. Many thanks to parents for working with us in the dropping off and picking up of children in the mornings and evenings at the front gates. All children, including P1/R1 should now be left off at front gates. Please do not come through gates and stand waiting. The children will be fine.

Please try to be on time as it allows the children to gain a positive social experience in the playground before school. If you are late please bring child to front office and they will be brought to class (Years 1-4). Late arrivals are disruptive for classes that are already started and we would like to get the children off the best day possible. There are now over 500 bodies in the school during the day amongst pupils and adults and we don't have a lot of space. We would appreciate it that if any parent needs to drop of anything please call into the office and staff will deliver. Thank you.

Many thanks to all of you who came along to the Rang 1 and Primary 1 Meetings and the Information Evening held last month. The turnout was great and we hope that you find the information offered of use. Many thanks to our staff for making themselves available for that evening. Please remember that all callers to report to the reception, use teachers email, homework diaries or call the office to arrange a meeting to discuss any aspect of your child's progress.

We are asking that all children enter the school by the two side gates (Years 1-3 at the town end and Years 4-7 at the country gate). The front gate should only be used for cars. The school car park is very busy in the morning and keeping the children safe is paramount. We also ask that no one parks or blocks the pathway that has been marked out for the children in front of the school.

October is the month of the Rosary. We shall be acknowledging the importance of the Rosary and the Mysteries in school. Please spend some time sharing this with your children at home.

Our Facebook page is to keep you up to date about events and notices about school life. In terms of online safety, we will not be identifying a child in pictures and as already mentioned at the Information Meeting please do not put up any posts. Thank you.

Please download new St Patrick's school app from either Google Store or App store. We would like to go live shortly and we need as many to sign up as possible. A few test messages will be sent out.

Our school has been asked to support the campaign Ellen's Journey. A young S Armagh child who requires specialist lifesaving treatment for cancer. Money raised from a number of events including our Jersey Days will contribute towards this fund.

We also intend to organise a Balloon Race which will defray the costs for a number of initiatives including Athletics and Healthy Kidz. Details to follow.

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October Diary

1st Staff Training Day

Mon Mandarin Chinese Lessons begin for Years 6 and 7

2nd Tue (P1/R1 after Schools starts in Youth Club)

3rd wed Swimming P6

4th Thu: MCR Coaching – Soccer Y4-7. starts Thu –Flu Vaccination for children

6th Fri:/ Cross country in Lurgan for Year 5/6 /7 in Lurgan Park

9th Tue : Some members of Traditional Group playing with Markethill Ps in Cookstown at Shared Education event

10th Wed Autumn Walk P1's /P 2 - Siúlóid an Fhómhair R1/R2 /After school girls only sport with Healthy Kidz

11th Rang 4 Gardening in school

12th Fri – GAA Jersey day to acknowledge Cross Camogs playing in the Ulster Final - Final. Best wishes to Mrs. Crummy and Miss Donaldson (and all past pupils) £1 donation to Charity . Ádh Mór

17th Wed Swimming R6/R5

19th Fri; All Rangers supporters (and the 'Nab too) are very welcome to wear their jersey to school to celebrate the County Championship Final £1 donation to charity. Best wishes to all past pupils (and The 'Nab captain Muinteoir Micheal to have a good game!)

21st Mon Following the "Big Match" children may come in late if it suits -try to be in by 1030 as we need to know dinner numbers.

20th -25th Erasmus Trip to Slovenia

24th Thu Children are invited to wear Halloween costume to celebrate Oiche Samhain

School Closures

Fri 25th Oct : Parent –Teacher Meetings –School Closed Teachers will facilitate meetings at alternative times if this day is not suitable – sheets will available from next week at school gates

Mon 29th Oct-Fri 2nd Nov inclusive Mid Term Break

Notices- Congratulations to Cross Minor's on winning the Country title

Youth Club – Hallowe'een Disco Thu 27th 7pm-9pm for Years 5-7

Sacraments – Sacrament dates will be set when the Diocese Releases Confirmation Dates.