



October

2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri	Oct 12 th	Mrs McWilliams' P2 Assembly at 9.30am
Fri	Oct 19 th	Mrs Black's P2 Assembly at 9.30am
Tue	Oct 16 th	M and M Musical Theatre present Peter Pan in school
Wed	Oct 24 th	PTA Disco –time to be confirmed
Thur	Oct 25 th	Photographer in school for P1 and P7 photographs
Fri	Oct 26 th	Halloween Dressing Up Day (School closing at 2pm)
Mon-Fri	Oct 29 th –Nov 2 nd	School closed for the Halloween Break
Fri	Nov 16 th	Mrs Quinn/Mulholland's P4 Assembly at 9.30am
Fri	Nov 30 th	Mrs Hamill/O' Prey's P5 Assembly at 9.30am
Thur	Nov 29 th	Flu vaccinations offered to all children in school
Mon	Dec 3 rd	Parent Teacher meetings. <u>School closed for pupils.</u>
Thur	Dec 6 th	P3 Christmas Concert 1pm
Wed	Dec 12 th	P1 Christmas Concert 1pm
Wed	Dec 19 th	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church
Fri	Dec 21 st	School closing at noon for the Christmas holidays
Mon	Jan 7 th	School reopening for Term 2
Thur	Jan 17 th	PTA AGM at 7pm

FEAST OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Congratulations to all the children and staff involved in our celebrations for the feast of St Therese of Lisieux and the opening of our new school year. P1-P3 took part in a prayer service led by Fr Morley and also enjoyed a video about St Therese's life. P4 –P7 attended our opening mass and their prayerful, respectful attitude and amazing singing made it a wonderful and inspiring celebration. Our 'Little Way' awards encourage us to try to live like her every day by being kind and caring, and always doing our best.

ASSEMBLIES

P2 Mrs McWilliams –Fri. Oct. 12th at 9.30am
P2 Mrs Black –Fri. Oct. 19th at 9.30am
P4 Mrs Quinn/Mul – Fri. Nov. 16th at 9.30am
P5 Mrs Hamill/O' Prey- Fri. Nov 30th at 9.30am

BREAKFAST CLUB and 123 CLUB

Breakfast Club is open every morning at 8 am-£2 per day or £1 for children entitled to Free School Meals. Our '**123' Club**, open from 2-3pm for children in P1-3, Monday to Thursday-£2 per day or £1 for children entitled to FSM. These clubs do not need to be booked in advance.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Places still remain in most after school clubs. Please contact Erin Lyle **07720532240** for Step It Up or Matthew Rooney **07835618730** for all other clubs. Art 2, Film Club 2 and Hurling will not be taking place due to lack of uptake. Judo will begin on Monday 15th of October, with 'Simply Judo'. Information/booking form will be sent home this week.

ILLNESS

One of our younger pupils has a compromised immune system and coming into contact with infectious conditions, especially chickenpox, may have implications for his treatment. If you think your own child (P2-4) may have come into contact with chickenpox please let the class teacher know so that we can pass this information on.

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

There is much excitement in the school for Maths Week Ireland which runs from 13-21st October. Students from St.Malachy's College will be visiting Primary 4 & 7 children on Tuesday 16th Oct to engage in fun mathematical activities. P5 will attend a show at Stranmillis College on Wed Oct 17th with Bubblz, the mathematical clown who will perform a maths show using magical soap bubbles and giant balloons to illustrate the mathematical fundamentals of shape, space and measure. P6 children will attend a show at W5 on Friday Oct 19th where they will try to solve various puzzles. It will give them opportunities to collaborate and stretch their mathematical skills. All children in the school will be problem solving throughout the week. To end the celebrations, the Maths Week team will be taking their live pop-up maths exhibit to the ground floor of Victoria Square on Saturday 20th October 11am-5pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the lighter side of maths – puzzles, games and challenges to engage and entertain people of all ages.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McDaniel on the safe arrival of their little boy Diarmuid in September.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We celebrated European Day of Languages on Tuesday 25th September. The boys and girls from St Malachy's College and Dominican College were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and participation their lessons. A massive thank you everyone for making this annual event such a huge success.

HEARTSTART EMERGENCY LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

During Term 1 Mr Mc Ferran's pupils will have Heartstart training each week with Mrs Mc Williams. This will focus on dealing with a range of emergency situations including: choking, serious bleeding, suspected heart attack, providing CPR and the recovery position. The resources for our school training are kindly funded by British Heart Foundation. Mrs McIlwaine's class will begin their training with Mrs Mc Williams in Term 2.

MANDARIN

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lucia Chen to our school. Miss Chen is a Mandarin Chinese tutor, from the Confucius Institute at Ulster University, who will be teaching our children this wonderful language for a session each Monday. P4 to P7 will be receiving a 30 min session each week throughout the year. P3 children will have lessons in Terms 1 and 3, and P2 children in Term 2. Miss Chen will be teaching the children Mandarin Chinese through songs, games and poems. Our Key Stage 2 children will be working towards their YCT exams (Youth Chinese Test- a Chinese language test.) We hope the children will all enjoy learning a new language and culture this academic year.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds after 8.20am, with the exception of blue badge holders. Please adhere to parking regulations when parking around neighbouring streets.

PARENT/GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

If parents or grandparents are able to volunteer to accompany your child's class on a school trip or swimming - even once in a year - please let your child's teacher know.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

Mr Coyle is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Miss Gargan is the Deputy Designated Teacher.

POLICIES

As policies are updated we are adding them to the website. The most recent additions include Online Safety, Data Protection, First Aid, Complaints and Health and Safety Policies.

JUMP, JIGGLE AND JIVE

Come along to our Parent and Toddler 'Jump Jiggle and Jive' classes with Amanda on Mondays 12pm -12.45pm in the Assembly Hall, suitable for 1-4 year olds. Dancing, skipping, jumping and crawling with balls, hoops ribbons and so much more! No advanced booking required, just turn up!

mail@jumpjiggleandjive.co.uk Tel 07977113490

PTA

The PTA AGM is on Thur Jan 17th at 7pm in the school. New members are very welcome. The work of the PTA is much appreciated by the staff and the children but organising the various events takes a lot of time so additional members and volunteers are always needed. A huge thank you to the PTA for the generous donations of a wonderful new stage and a set of ipads over the past two years. We hope to get the 'Born to Move' track in the playground over the Halloween break, weather permitting.

The PTA disco will be on Wed 24th Oct.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Our P1 and P7 classes will have their class photographs taken by Tempest Photographers on **Thursday 25th Oct.** We hope all children are present so parents have a lovely record of their child's first and last years with their peers! There is no obligation to buy a photo. A proof copy will be sent home for inspection. Individual and family photos can also be taken if you indicate on the reply slip which will be sent home next week.

SPOOKY CYCLE

On **Friday 26th October** we are celebrating Halloween in super cycling style! We would like to encourage our P1-P7 children to decorate their bicycles with a ghostly Halloween theme. We will be judging the spookiest bicycles and scooters on the day and the winners will win great prizes! **Please note that all P1-P3 pupils must be accompanied by an adult when cycling or scooting to and from school.**

Remember our safe cycling rules:

- ❖ All children must wear a helmet if they are cycling or scooting to school.
- ❖ All bicycles and scooters must be chained to the stands/docks/nearest railing to the areas mentioned above.
- ❖ When you enter the playground please encourage your child to dismount their bike/scooter and push it to the stands.
- ❖ Please note that all bicycles and scooters must be taken home at the end of the day.

We are looking forward to seeing the spooky creations!

WELL DONE DAVID

Huge congratulations to David in P2 who won silver and bronze medals for the sprint and ball throw, at the Transplant Games in Birmingham in August. What a star!



SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners is £2.60 per day or £13 per week. Information on Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance is available at the school office or online at

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/howtoapply/>