



November

2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon	Fri Oct 28 th –Fri Nov 1 st (inclusive)
Fri	Nov 8 th
Thur	Nov 28 th
Wed	Dec 4 th
Wed	Dec 11 th
Thurs	Dec 12 th
Tue	Dec 17 th
Wed	Dec 18 th
Thurs	Dec 19 th
Fri	Dec 20 th
Mon	Jan 6 th
Thur	Feb 6 th
Mon	Fri Feb 10 th -14 th (inclusive)
Sat	May 10 th

School closed for the Halloween Break

P1-4 Parents-Literacy Workshop-9-10am

Parent Teacher Consultation. School closed for pupils.

P2 Christmas Show 10.30am

P3 Christmas Show 10.30am

Open Day for prospective P1s starting in Sept 2025

Children's Christmas Dinner day

KS2 Carol Service in St Therese Church at 1.30pm

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Panto in the school hall (P1-7)

School closing at noon for the Christmas holidays

School reopening for Term 2

P7 Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 11am

School closed for Spring Half Term

P4 First Holy Communion

P7 PUPILS

We wish all our boys and girls who are sitting the transfer tests over the next few weeks every success. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them all during this time.

Parents/carers of P7 children should look out for information in the local press/social media on Post Primary Open Days which will be taking place over the next few months and attend as many as possible to get a flavour of the different schools in the locality. Information will be sent home as we receive it.

Parents of P6 pupils should strongly consider attending some Open Days this year, to ensure a range of schools are considered.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent Teacher consultations will take place in Nov and Dec, with the majority taking place on Thur Nov 28th **when the school is closed for pupils.** We know that many parents found the phone consultations very convenient over the past two years, so we are giving parents the option of a face to face or telephone consultation again this year. A form will be sent home for parents to indicate their preference.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm

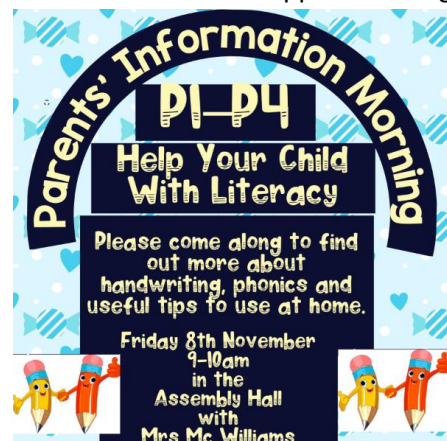
Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm

PTA

Huge thanks to our very hardworking PTA for the two very successful Halloween discos. They were wonderful community events and the money raised will help purchase a set of ipads for the school!

LITERACY WORKSHOP

Mrs McWilliams is hosting a Literacy Workshop to provide P1-P4 parents with additional information and tips about Literacy basics, in particular phonics, reading strategies and our Penpals Handwriting Programme. It would be great to see lots of parents/carers on Nov 8th and hopefully you will leave with lots of helpful Literacy tips and advice that can be used to support learning at home.



X/TWITTER

Follow us on X (Twitter) to hear the latest news and see some of the children's activities - <https://twitter.com/TheresePS>.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

We are in the process of reconstituting our Board of Governors. After the Halloween break, we will be arranging the selection of the Parent Member of the Board. Please look out for a letter which will be sent home on Nov 4th.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

The P6 and 7 boys took part in the first sporting event of the school calendar in October in the football leagues group stages at Cliftonville playing fields. In their group, they were up against Ballymacward PS and Scoil an Driochid which was a repeat of last year's groups. With fine performances put in all over the field, the boys managed to win all of their games to top their table and secure their progress to the knockout stages of the competition. A fantastic effort from every member of the team and good luck for the next round of the competition.

CYRIL MURRAY CUP

The P7s took part in the first football tournament of the year against Holy Cross Boys on a blindingly sunny day at the Waterworks. The match was played in great spirits and a great deal of skill was shown by both teams. Individual moments of flair and collective moments of teamwork were on display from start to finish. Well done to our boys who kept going to the final whistle. We wish Holy Cross all the best for the next round.

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL VICTORIA PARK RELAY

Having been selected in the school trials, 16 boys and girls competed in teams of 4 to complete two full laps of a 2km circuit. The children put in fantastic individual efforts to contribute to the team and were impeccable ambassadors for our school. A massive well done to all the children who tried out for the team and to those who represented the school.

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

The children participated enthusiastically in many events throughout the week: problem solving, creating mathematical designs, and competing in online quizzes and Izak9 events. The younger children also enjoyed several storytelling TV broadcasts. There was a great buzz about the school! As part of our celebrations, we had a visit from St. Malachy's College students, some of whom were past pupils. The boys gave up their time to plan challenging Money related activities for our P5 and P6 pupils. The day was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all! It is wonderful to see the children becoming confident, competent problem solvers, developing a range of thinking skills and personal capabilities. Keep up the great work!

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Huge congratulations to the P7 boys who represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscol quiz. They were outright winners and are the proud Antrim champions. What an achievement!



NEW LODGE ARTS

Our P4 children took part in the New Lodge Arts community design project before Halloween. Each class had two sessions with local artists to create their own lanterns. They were then invited to take part in the North Belfast Lantern Parade from Girdwood Hub to Alexandra Park, where they enjoyed some Halloween celebrations and a spooktacular fireworks display. Well done to our very talented P4 children and thanks to New Lodge Arts!

EU CODE WEEK

EU Code Week (Oct 21-25) aims to bring coding and digital literacy to all schools across Europe. Throughout the week, P1-P7 worked hard on developing coding and computational thinking skills via a range of plugged and unplugged activities. An array of exciting lessons have taken place from coding Beebots, Minecraft Edu, Micro:bits, following and debugging instructions and writing our names in binary code. A fantastic celebration of creativity and innovation through code!

DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS

We are delighted to have been selected as a Dream Space Ambassador School, with 8 of our P7 Digital Leader team applying to become Dream Space Ambassadors. As part of their training, the children completed their first online session with other Ambassadors from across Ireland, focusing on Micro:bit 101. We can't wait to see what else is in store for our Ambassadors and how their training will impact the work of all staff and pupils throughout the school this year and beyond!

LOCAL FOOD BANK

If your family needs this support, please email Mrs McTaggart in confidence.



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