



## October 2016 - Newsletter

### Hallowe'en holiday

The school will be closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the Hallowe'en break.

### Halloween Fun Day

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October we are having a Halloween Fun Day here in the school. We intend to have lots of Hallowe'en games, apple-bobbing, face-painting, piñatas and so on. We also hope to have a disco in the Millennium Hall in the afternoon for the children. Children should come to school in fancy dress on this occasion.



### Beginning of Year Mass

Our School Mass will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00 a.m here in St Mary's Church. Fr Quinn our Parish Priest will be celebrating the Mass. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Millennium Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate with

### Whole School Focus:

This year our main targets for development across the school are:

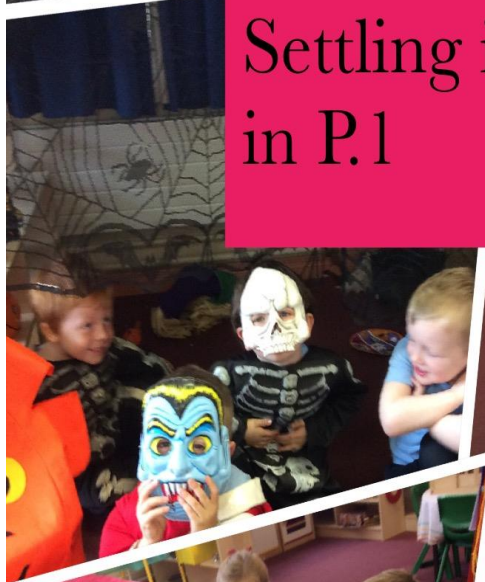
Accelerated Reading:

Mathematical Investigations:

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### Monthly Focus

Every month we focus on a different topic in Numeracy and Literacy. Some parents have indicated that they would like to know what topic the children are focussing on and how they can help at home. To support you in helping your child/ren at home we are going to give some tips and advice each month as to how you can help. We hope this will be of benefit to you but please let us know if we can do anything more please let us know.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy we focus on Number every month but then also another element of Numeracy. This month our topic is **TIME**.

Here are some ideas to help you support your child with **TIME**.

- Talk to your child about the time
- Ask your child to tell you the time.
- Ask your child what time will it be in one hour, in another half an hour , in five more minutes etc
- Encourage your child to say the days of the week and the months of the year.
- Ask your child to tell you the time on a digital clock as well as an analogue clock i.e 12.30 is half past 12, 11.15 is a quarter past 11 etc
- Encourage your child to look at the TV guide for the times of programmes etc.
- Older children can tell you the time in 24 hr clock form aswell as times in a.m and p.m
- Encourage your children to tell you how long things will take i.e How long will a programme last? How long does it take to play a game of football? Etc
- Look at bus timetables, plane schedules and ask questions about those e.g which bus would be the best to take if I need to be in Belfast for 4.00p.m etc
- Talk about the time in different countries.



### Mandarin

All children in the school will be learning Mandarin from next Monday. Choo (from China) will be coming along each Monday to work with every class in the school. This is in conjunction with South West College. They have asked that each child fill in a form. These are being sent home..just fill in the first page only. Thanks.

### Break the rules Day

The School Council have organised a Break The Rules Day for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. They have sent home the information. On this day we ask that all children wear something red and white to show our support for Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs who are in the county final on Friday night. Children from our school will also be playing at half-time, so we're hoping for great things. Some of the players are coming to visit us and give us some tips on Friday afternoon. Good luck to everyone involved.

### Morning Club

The school is open from 8.30 a.m in the mornings to facilitate those parents who wish to drop off children early. Supervision is available in the mobile from 8.30-9.00a.m. There is a small cost for this service of 50p per day payable to Siobhan in the morning or weekly. Thanks

### Parent /Teacher Meetings

Parent /Teacher meetings are being scheduled for the end of the month the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October Teachers will let you know the date and time. Throughout the rest of the year, you are always welcome to speak to your child's teacher about any matter relating to your child. However it is very important if you wish to speak to your child's teacher about a significant matter that you make an appointment, at a mutually convenient time. This is so that the teacher can give you their full attention and speak to you in confidence. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



## Golden Rules

This year we are continuing to use the Golden Rules throughout the school. There are only six rules we have to keep in school. It would be great if you could discuss these with your children at home also. They are:

- We listen
- We are honest
- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We look after school property
- We work hard

These rules form the basis of our Positive Behaviour Policy and our Anti-Bullying Policy-which are all available on the school web-site.

## Shared Education

Our Shared Education Programme is thankfully up and running this year. We will be working with the other local schools, Florencecourt P.S, St Mary's, Killesher and St Naile's ,Kinawley. Three classes from the school will be involved :Yr 1, Yr 5 and Yr 6. These programmes will provide our children with opportunities to mix with children from other schools as well as trips away and days in the other schools. We are really looking forward to being involved again. Yr 1 children will be involved in Play-Based Learning, Yr 5 children will be working on WAU topics such as Space, Location etc whilst Yr 6 children will concentrate on Mathematical Investigations.

## PTFA AGM

The PTFA annual AGM will be held in the school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. New members would be greatly appreciated.



## St Aidan's Blitz

Congratulations to our Football team who won the St Aidan's blitz last week. Well Done everyone.



## School Council 2016



Back Row: Dara, Anna, Caoimhe, and Aoife

Front Row: Oisin, Luchia, Shay and Jamie

