



### Parent – Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parent/Teacher Meetings, either in person or via telephone. Your involvement in your child's education is essential and your co-operation with school is greatly appreciated.

### Hallowe'en Half-Term

School reopens for all pupils on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Access is from 8.50am and class begins @9am sharp.

### Family Pumpkin Competition Winner

Congratulations to the McAllister family,

Gabriel, Isaac & Francis.

Prize – Family Cinema Pass.

Thank you to all families for your participation. The pumpkins were stunning and it was, as always difficult to choose.

We gave 10 runner up prizes because it was so difficult to choose.

### Attendance Matters

We are fortunate that poor attendance is not a significant issue, for the majority, in our school. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) collects attendance data on a monthly basis. Attendance below 85%, except in exceptional circumstances, prompts a referral to EWO services. Written confirmation of reason for absence must be brought to school on the day your child returns.

Punctuality is also important. All children are expected to be in school by 9am.

**Late arrivals enter via the main school entrance.**

Late arrivals, 9am – 9.10am are recorded as (L) late for the morning session. Arrivals after 9.10am are recorded as (U) absent for the morning session. This affects the overall attendance percentage.

### October Art Competition

P1 Jolen

P2 Sophie

P3 Eireann

P4 Anna

P5 Zack

P6 Kelsey

P7 Shannon

Congratulations!



**November focus – Caring**

### Pupil of the Month

**October focus – Respect**

Primary One – Jolen

Primary Two – Macie

Primary Three – Eireann

Primary Four – Niamh

Primary Five – Jessica

Primary Six – Kelsey

Primary Seven – Paul

Congratulations!

### International School Award

We are delighted and very proud to have achieved the Foundation Level International School Award. Thanks to Miss Forde and her P5 class who participated in the scheme last year and were also runners up in the Bridge to France competition.

See Larne Times online for our press release.

**PTA Guess the number of sweets in the jar. Winners:**

P1/2 Emma

P3 Carter

P4/5 Charlotte

P6/7 Kyle

## **SureStart**

An enormous thankyou to Surestart for opening their wonderful Fun Day on Thursday 21/10/21 to our children. All our pupils enjoyed Kidz Farm petting zoo and Jump, Jiggle & Jive before the Surestart children arrived.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available each morning between 8.20am and 8.50am at a cost of £1.00. I am delighted at the increased turnout and the children are enjoying their breakfast and activities.

Please ensure children are at club before 8.40am, to give them time to eat their breakfast.

## **Larne Foodbank**

A donation box has been placed in each classroom. Thank you to those families who have already made contributions.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, there is still time as the donation boxes will be in school throughout November.

This is a very worthy cause and I encourage all, who can, to show their support. Thank you.

## **School Photographer**

Whitehall Studios will be in school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Be Ready; Be Respectful; Be Safe:**

Our three school rules are at the heart of our positive behaviour strategies. Children are recognised for their efforts to promote readiness, respect and safe behaviour. There is a Recognition Board in each classroom which is updated daily. Our Achievement Tree is blossoming with leaves of positive attitudes and actions. Our Pupil of the Month Awards focus on aspects of these rules.

### **Be Ready:**

Be ready to learn, be in school on time, have all equipment needed, stay focused, complete activities. These are some of the ways we can all Be Ready.

### **Be Respectful:**

Show kindness and fairness, use good manners, be thoughtful and caring, allow room for others' opinions, focus on learning so others can too. These are some of the ways we can all Be Respectful.

### **Be Safe:**

Walk indoors, use equipment appropriately, put resources back tidily, make wise decisions, use evidence.

We encourage and use language about being safe. We encourage children to make informed decisions about their actions. We remind children that it is ok to take risks, in a safe environment. We encourage children to

**take risks for learning.**

