



Halloween Closure

School closes Friday 27th at 11am

Closed Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st &
Wednesday 1st November

Beginning of School Year Mass

We had a beautiful beginning of school year mass where the children read, sang, played and offered gifts. We were very proud of all the children and would like to thank them for the respect and good behaviour shown in the chapel.

School Budget

In a nutshell it's not great.... I'm sure you are hearing news about the cuts and unfortunately we are facing them too. You will have already seen a reduction in the Extended Schools funding and unfortunately many of the additional programmes that the school was able to run will be drawing to a close as finance for all of these ceases. This is not only worrying for us as a school community but also for the coaches and staff involved in all of these excellent programmes.

This year we are 'buying in' a PE programme known as 'Healthy Kidz' which your children have been participating in each Thursday. The feedback from pupils and staff so far has been very positive. This however comes at a cost and we are asking for **your** help to fund this programme. So this Halloween we are doing something different, on Thursday 26th October we will be having a **Spooky School Workout** day with the children to raise funds specifically for this 'Healthy Kidz' programme. We ask all parents to support this challenge and hopefully raise what is needed to fund this for the entire year.

Full Attendance

We noticed that September was a really great month for attendance at school. Well done to those who made it to school every day!. This year we are going to have December as a focus for full attendance. All pupils must be in school each day and stay the full school day in order to reap the rewards. Our newly elected school council will decide what this will be.

Spooky School Workout ****

SPONSORED WORKOUT THIS YEAR IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME

Sponsor sheets will be issued shortly..

Children will be entertained by local legend Tom Sweeny in the afternoon - a 'skinny marinky' way of rounding up the half term!

Birthdays Celebrations in October

Adam Kells
Sophia Dillon
Kieran Keogh
Joseph Cullen
Ella Cullen
Jack Lowe
Eadaoin Coyle
Rian Biggs
Conor McMenemy

FYI: £1 & Consent Forms

We will no longer be able to accept the old round £1 coin after Sunday 15 October 2017.

*****Patricia has been following up with the few who have not returned their consent form..... Parents - **PLEASE** return your 'Consent form' issued in September. *****

Dates for your Diary

Parent and Teacher Meetings on Monday 11th December
Children do not attend school that day

CONGRATULATIONS

To Paige and Hogan O'Neill on the birth of their gorgeous baby brother who has been in for a little look around school already!

Peace Concert at Ballyclog

Congratulations to members of the traditional group who took part in the International Peace Day event with other local schools.

Mid Ulster Council Irish Language

Irish language class has started with Mr McGahan's class. Tutor Mrs Conlon is making sure the boys and girls are picking up a few words and phrases 'as gaelige' a great start for them when they move onto post primary.

Extended Schools – After School Programme

The After School programme is now up and running for the term. We want these after school experiences to be good for everyone... coaches included! The same expected level of behaviour during the school day is expected during these sessions. Unfortunately, where this is not adhered to the pupil will not be able to stay at that activity.

We are very aware that children have many concerns or worries and in school we work hard in supporting them. If your child has a worry or concern please make them aware that they can talk in confidence to either **Mrs O Duffy** or **Mrs M Hamill** who act as the designated and deputy designated teacher for Child Protection and Pastoral Care.

For more information, log onto our school website.

DATES FOR THE OCTOBER DIARY

Date	Event
2-4	School closed
4 th	Gardening & Lego
5 th	Healthy Kidz Gymnastics
6 th	Mr Reilly's class assembly
6 th	Coalisland Library
9 th	Mrs Hamill's class 1 st Shared Education Lesson
16 th	Mrs Hamill's class 2 nd Shared Education Lesson
23 rd	Mrs Hamill's class 3 rd Shared Education Lesson

SHARED EDUCATION

Mrs Hamill's class will be the first class starting the third year of the Shared Education programme. Her class will get the chance to work with ICT specialists from the AMMA centre in Armagh. We hope the children enjoy working together as part of a team on their ICT tasks and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.



OCTOBER SCHOOL MEALS



	Week commencing: 2 nd Oct	Week commencing: 9 th Oct	Week Commencing 16 th Oct	Week commencing: 22 nd Oct
Monday	Irish Stew Steak Burger Peas/Carrots/Gravy Pasta and Mashed Pots Shortbread and Custard	Savoury Mince BBQ Chicken Drumsti Pasta/mashed Pots/gravy Carrots/Peas Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Chicken Wrap Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta Jam Sponge and Custard	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Turnip and Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard
Tuesday	Chicken Wrap Fish Finger Peas/Corn Chips /Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Cake & Custard	Home-made veg/chicken Soup Butchers Burgers and Bap Cheese/Onions Mixed Salad Jelly and Fruit	Oven Baked Sausage Tuna Roll Chips/Mashed Pots Beans/Peas/Pasta/Gravy SwissRoll and Custard	Home-Made Chicken or Veg Soup Selection of Bread Burger and Bap Onions Cheese and Salad Fairy Cake and Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Pizza Fish Fingers Beans/Peas Chips/Mashed Pots Pasta Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots Pasta and Gravy
Thursday	Pasta Bolognaise Pizza Beans/Pea/Pasta Potatoes Gravy Semolina and Peaches	Roast Turkey and Stuffing/Gravy Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots and Pasta Rice Krispie Square & Custard	Lasagne Pizza Sweetcorn Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard	HALLOWEEN TREAT Chicken Nuggets Mini Pizza Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Sweetcorn/Mixed Salad
Friday	Hot Dog or Tuna Roll Pasta /Salad/Corn Chips /Potatoes/Gravy Ice-Cream Wafer	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Roll Chips Mashed Potatoes Salad/Pasta/Peas/Savoury Rice Frozen Mousse and Fruit	Butchers Burger and Bap Mixed Salad/Cheese and Onions Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Ice-Cream Choc Sauce	NO SCHOOL MEALS