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November Update Newsletter

Please take time to read our November newsletter as there are important dates and information for all parents to be aware of between now and the Christmas holidays.

Breakfast Club

Dear Parents and Carers,
Nursery and Primary 1 children can now avail fully of our wraparound care.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC/EASC

Please remember to send in ASC/EASC registration and money at the start of each month.

ASC - Fee **£2.00/day** for each child. (NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm- 6pm) - Fee **£8 per session (2.35pm up to 6pm)/£5 per ½ session (2.35pm up to 4pm.)** *Please note as of Monday 6th November Nursery children can avail of clubs

2018/19 P1/NU Intake Parental Information Meeting

The above will both take place in the school on Thursday 23rd November at 1900

Colours Day/School House System

Congratulations to our elected House Captains and Vice-captains from P7.

Well done **Anna McKay** (Ulster), **Conor McNeill** (Munster), **Eve Welsh** (Connaught) & **Amy McAvoy** (Leinster).

All children (P1-P7) are allocated to one of four houses and work together to be the lead house in the school. Their hard work and kindness throughout the week is recognised during Friday Assembly and each pupil award carries a prize of one coloured coin for your house.

Shoebbox Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations. The final collection date from the school is on **Friday 10th**

November and then the boxes will be making their way across Europe to Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria in time for Christmas. **Pupils showing empathy with other children across the world is a key part of our school Catholic ethos.**

IQM Flagship Inspection

Teresa Malone, a retired principal, will be inspecting the school on November 23rd as we hope to retain our Inclusion Quality Mark as a Centre of Excellence for the third time in three years. If successful we will be deemed a **Flagship School**. The inspection process is very thorough and she will be visiting classrooms, speaking with children, staff and parents as she evaluates the schools' performance.

School Council

Our student body met for the first time towards the end of half term. Our newly elected representatives have a packed programme of government for the year ahead. Issues on the agenda will include: *play equipment, Shared Education, Eco Flag, welcoming new children to our school and road safety measures.*



Transfer Tests

May I just wish our P7 children all the very best of luck as they sit their GL/AQE transfer tests this month. We are already very proud of you and continue to be blown away by your attitude to hard work and the aptitude you have shown in preparing yourselves as best as you could for the tests.

Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccine will be given to children on Wednesday 29th November. All forms sent home **MUST** be returned to school, whether your child is getting the vaccine or not. If you did not get a form, please inform your child's teacher.

Money Day

N-P7 will be engaging in our annual super learning Money Day on **Friday 10th November**. Financial Capability continues to be a vital cog in our Numeracy Curriculum.

Some useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/money/play/>

https://www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/finance-education/personal/students/07-11_cost-of-money/int_quiz.php

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/maths-key-stage-2-money.html>

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/maths-key-stage-1-money.html>

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/maths-foundation-money.html>

IXL Hall of Fame – October Winners

Primary 1 Dominic McGrath & Eva McAvoy

Primary 2 Ciar Fegan & Holly Harrison

Primary 3 Cathal McNeill & Grace McGrath

Primary 4 Ruairi McGivern & Lily Mae Fitzpatrick

Primary 5 Leo O'Neill & Aoibhin Pyers

Primary 6 Aonghus MacMurchaidh & Laura McKay

Primary 7 Fionn Cahill & Olivia McArdle **Class of The Month: 3rd - P4, 2nd - P5 & 1st - P3**



Home/School Finances

Online banking takes any hassle out of finding cash and envelopes and creates less admin work for the office staff. Online banking can be used for **Nursery Fund, ASC/EASC, swimming, trips**, etc. payments but NOT dinner money unfortunately. If you need your family's school account code, please contact Mrs. Dale and she will work with you to make the transactions run much more smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who remembers to pay for dinners ahead of time on Mondays; it's working great from admin efficiency and transparency perspectives. If you know what days your child is taking dinner, **please also include this on the envelopes**. If your child/ren take dinners regularly (e.g. every day or just once or twice a week) you can pay monthly in advance. You are only charged for the dinners your child takes; payment for any dinners not taken are carried forward.

Sacramental Dates 2018

P3 Sacrament of Penance – 01/03/2018

P4 Holy Communion – 12/05/18

P7 Service of Light 16/01/18 & Confirmation 25/04/18

Nativity Performances December 2017

KS2 (P5-P7) Nativity Play 12/12/17 in the chapel at 1900

KS1/FS (P1-P4) Carol Service 14/12/17 in the chapel at 1900

Nursery Nativity 13/12/17 in the school hall at 1000

Accelerated Reader & Overdue Books

Enthusiasm for AR amongst our P5-P7 children has never been higher! Children are eating up the books in their bands and I've never seen them so motivated to go and take on the quizzes and tests that follow. Let's keep this momentum going!

Please can you all have a big search at home as the log of overdue books for the school library van continues to grow. Seamus (librarian) is having a book audit very soon and in order to keep the bus for future years we must be able to show him (Libraries NI) that we are a school of responsible library users.

School Uniform Reminder

The policy of dark shoes/trainers only comes into force on **Jan 1 2018**. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ERASMUS+

We submitted our final evaluation and impact report to the British Council on 25/10/17. The report is scored and rated for quality against other projects across Europe. I am certain that we will score very highly and I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your work and support over the last 36 months as we pioneered this amazing initiative. Thank you and well done to you all for helping to put Annaclone on the Global Map!

Mr K O'Neill
Principal

Calendar November/December 2017

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
		1	2 P7 Swimming	3
6 P7 Booster Library Van	7	8 P7 Library	9 P3 Assembly P7 Swimming	10 MONEY DAY
13 P7 Booster	14	15 P6 Library	16 P2 Assembly P7 Swimming	17 GREEN HOUSE NON-UNIFORM
20 Library Van	21	23	24 INCLUSION INSPECTION P7 Swimming NU/P1 2017/18- 7PM	25
27	28	29 FLU VACCINATION	30 P7 Swimming	1
4 Library Van	5 Pantomime Armagh P1-P7	6 P7 Library	7	8 Children's Christmas Dinner
11	12 KS2 Nativity – 7pm	13 NU Nativity – 10am P6 Library	14 KS1 Carol Service – 7pm	15
18 Library Van	19	20 CHRISTMAS PARTY & SANTA VISITS SCHOOL	21 SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1100	

- Bright clothing should be worn if commuting to school on foot by all pedestrians. Parents dropping children off early for breakfast club can you please escort them inside the school grounds and through to the side gate. Please can you ensure your children have a coat on each day as the temperature begins to plummet.
- Christmas Jumper and Party Day has moved from Tuesday 19th to Wednesday 20th December.
- Children from Connaught/Green Team will have a non-uniform day 'GREEN DAY' on Nov 19th as the were the first half-term winners of the House Cup.
- Greens – 62 coins
- Blue – 61 coins
- Yellow – 59 coins
- Blue – 58 coins