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### Term 1:2 Begins

We have really enjoyed our first half term of this academic year and it was lovely to see so many of the children enjoying themselves at the Halloween Catwalk. We hope you had a lovely Halloween break and are back recharged and raring to go!

*“A vacation helps to relieve stress and boredom, gives us a change of scenery, provides us with adventure, and helps to bring us closer to the people in our lives.” – E. S. Woods*

### Tree of Remembrance

During the month of November, we take time to remember and pray for those who have died. As a school community we will remember all those people who have been special within our lives. Everyone will be given the opportunity to write the name of someone they want to remember on a leaf. The children will add these to our whole school ‘Tree of Remembrance’. Although we may still miss these people very much and feel sadness that they are gone, we remember that they are safely with God, and we are able to treasure our special memories with them.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

P1-6 teachers will meet with parents in our school hall between 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November. Individual times and dates were issued before Halloween. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss academic progress, social development, and overall performance in school. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Odd Socks Day.

We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

#AntiBullyingWeek  
#OddSocksDay



#### NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6<sup>th</sup> Nov

Beyond Bricks Lego P3/4

8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Library Van

9<sup>th</sup> Nov

Antrim Playball After Schools Club begins.

11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

SEAG Entrance Assessment

13<sup>th</sup> Nov

Odd Socks Day

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Nov

Anti- Bullying Week

13<sup>th</sup> Nov

Beyond Bricks Celebration P3/4

Anti-Bullying Workshop P6

13-14<sup>th</sup> Nov

P1-6 Parent Teacher Meetings.

16th Nov

Cumann na mBunscol Boys 5 aside.

Defibrillator Training 7pm

30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Cumann na mBunscol Girls 5 aside.

## DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Enrolment Service for First Confessions 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes

4<sup>th</sup> Dec

P1 Grandparents Christmas Craft morning

6<sup>th</sup> Dec

Library Van

7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Carol Service P3-7 Our Lady of Lourdes 6 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Dec

PTA Santa event

Open day for prospective primary ones 10-11 am

11<sup>th</sup> Dec

P1-2 Snowman at Sunset Matinee Performance

12<sup>th</sup> Dec

P1-2 Snowman at Sunset Evening Performance 6 p.m. School Hall

15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Dinner

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

School closes at 11:30 am

### **Defibrillator Training**

MK Medical will deliver AED CPR training in our school hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. This is open to anyone in our community over the age of 16 free of charge.



### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors will be delivering an assembly on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November on the theme of 'Let's make a noise about Bullying.' All classes will complete activities in class that week. P6 will take part in an Anti-Bullying Megathon delivered by Hip Psychology.



### **Antrim Playball After Schools Club**

Antrim Playball will deliver an After Schools Programme every Thursday from 9<sup>th</sup> November- 7<sup>th</sup> December.

P1-2 1:40-2:40

P3-7 2:40-3:40

They will cover sports such as dodgeball, tag rugby, hockey, basketball, football and tennis.

### **Beyond Bricks Lego Based Play**

Beyond Bricks will continue their Lego based Play therapy with P3/4 on 6<sup>th</sup> November. A celebration of the programme will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please check your class seesaw page for what is proposed for this event.

### **Good Luck P7**

We wish our P7's good luck in the SEAG entrance assessments.

We believe in you!

### **St. Mary's University College.**

We welcome two students, Miss Walls and Miss O'Kane, from St. Mary's University College on 24<sup>th</sup> November. They will then begin their teaching practice in January.

### **Enrolment Service for First Confessions**

P3 together with their parents are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7p.m. to be enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each child will be given a certificate beforehand to take home to be signed. Please bring the certificate with you to the Enrolment Service. Fr James will invite parents and children to the altar in a line. Parents tell Fr James their child's name, hand over the certificate and then return to your seat. Children do not need to wear their uniform.

### **Christmas Connections**

We warmly invite P1 Grandparents to our Primary One classroom on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10:30 a.m. -12:00. p.m. Grandparents will be given the opportunity to spend time with the children making Christmas Crafts. We also hope to serve some Christmas treats.

### **Carol Service**

We cordially invite families and friends of our P3-7 children to a Christmas Carol Service on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6 p.m.

### **Friends of Millquarter PTA**

Friends of Millquarter PTA are working tirelessly to prepare a Christmas fundraiser. They ask that you save the date of **9<sup>th</sup> December** for a Santa Day. More details will follow.



### **Foundation Stage Christmas Performance**

Our Primary ones and twos will perform Snowman at Sunset on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9:15 am and again on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. Each family will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance. Spare tickets may then be available.

## Maths Week Ireland

Everyone in Millquarter PS have been enjoying Maths Week Ireland 2023. This year Maths Week ran from 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October. All our pupils from P1 - P7 got involved in Maths and Numeracy lessons including many outdoor challenges. This week has been such a fun way to promote positive attitudes towards Maths amongst our pupils while highlighting further, the understanding of our world through Maths.



## Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime.

Our school hall was packed with fun, laughter and excitement on 12<sup>th</sup> October. From the very beginning everyone enjoyed a truly magical and enriching experience. It was great to have the children from Taylorstown and Tiny Tots with us as well. Thank you to all the children and staff for their active participation throughout. Thanks again to M & M Theatrical Productions.



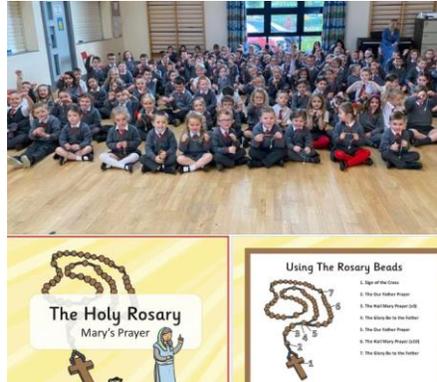
## Cumann na mBunscol.

Our Primary Seven class had a wonderful morning on 18<sup>th</sup> October at Tír na nÓg Randalstown. They took part in their first hurling/camogie blitz. The children were mixed up into teams with other schools and great fun was had by all. Thank you to Mr McPeake who organised the entire morning for all schools involved.



## The Holy Rosary

The children have done exceptionally well when taking part in the Holy Rosary every Monday in October. May this beautiful prayer send many blessings onto our whole school community.



## First Holy Communion Enrolment Service

We had 100% attendance at the First Holy Communion Enrolment Service held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you to Fr James for making it so special for our children. Thanks also to Étáin Madden for playing the tin whistle at the offertory and to Méabh, Aaron, Peadar and Fianna who took up the gifts.

## Halloween (Oíche Shamhna)

As always, we were very impressed by the creativity of our parents as the pupils dressed up for Halloween. The fancy dress raised £162 which will be donated to Pretty n Pink, a Breast Cancer Charity.

