



Remember!

School will be closed:
Mon 2 May - Friday 6 May
Monday 30 May 2016
Thursday 30 June at:
KS1 11.30 am; KS2 11.45 am
School re-opens:
Wednesday 31 August 2016



ASSESSMENTS IN MAY

Literacy and Numeracy online assessments and teacher generated tests will take place in school from

19 May - 26 May.

Please try to get your children to bed in good time so that they will be refreshed and able to do their best.

P1 - P7 SPORTS DAY

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2016

MEADOWBANK SPORTS ARENA

Children should be dropped off in Meadowbank between 9.45am and 9.55am. Sports will commence at 10 am and run until 12 noon. Children will go home with their parent/carer after the event. Parents not attending should have their child collected from **inside Meadowbank at 12 noon**. All parents and friends are welcome.



PRIZE DAY

FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2016

9.30am start

P1-P3 children will return to their classes during a short interval before P4-P7 children receive their prizes. If any P1-P3 parents wish to leave early they may do so at this point otherwise we anticipate finishing shortly after 11.00 am. The children will return to class for their normal lessons.

SHARED EDUCATION

This project has been very successful and the children from both schools have worked well together during their shared lessons producing pleasing work in all classes.

Staff from both schools have joined together for training, selected staff meetings and planning for shared lessons.

BUDGET CUTS AND RISING COSTS

The school budget is facing another huge cut next year and into the future through rising employer's costs amounting to an extra annual cost of £25,000 for our school. These costs were previously paid by the government. Unions and Principals' groups are opposing the extra costs and taking some action but at present we have to plan for them.

The school is also facing ever increasing costs including transport. This year we have spent £4310 on paying for buses for school trips/community visits/tournaments. We always subsidize the cost of school trips and only ask parents for a small contribution. However, with school budgets very restricted at present, we may have to ask parents for larger contributions in the future. This is why we have decided to fundraise for our school in June through our sponsored Fun Run. We will hopefully raise the much needed funds to help us to maintain the high standard of ICT equipment, books and trips which all enhance your child's experiences at school.

I trust all families will get behind our school and support your child's education in this important way.



WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN

TUESDAY 14 OR TUESDAY 21 JUNE (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Details to follow.

This will be a non-uniform day for the children.

NSPCC TALKS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

Thanks to the NSPCC volunteers for visiting our school to present important safety messages to our children. They have kindly presented our school with leaflets for each family (check in your child's schoolbag).

	MILK	SNACK.
May	£3.15	£4.80
June	£4.20	£6.00

**WHOLE SCHOOL 'MONEY DAY'
WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016**

As part of the Mathematics and Numeracy curriculum the development of the children's understanding of money is very important. On this theme day teachers will aim to make learning about money and financial matters fun through a visit from Danske Bank staff and follow up activities. The staff from the bank will deliver presentations and activities to enhance the children's understanding of what a bank is, how to keep money safe, ways we can pay for items (spend money) and how we can save money. Money problem solving activities will be an important part of the day.

The P7 class will follow up this work by visiting the Magherafelt branch of Danske Bank on Friday 13 May. We want to express our appreciation to the staff of Danske Bank for giving of their time to enhance the children's money work.

THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school between 25 May and 31 May 2016

The fair will be open for parents to visit after school on:

Thursday 26 May **2pm and 3pm -4 pm)** **Resource Room**
Tuesday 31 May **2pm and 3 pm-4 pm)** **Resource Room**

The fair will be open after lunch time on Thursday and Friday for children to visit and make purchases if their parents are not planning to visit with them after school. **Please send money into school in a named purse** and remember children may use the vouchers they received as Accelerated Reading rewards. Vouchers must be presented at the fair along with cash to make a purchase.

MUSIC TUITION

The music teachers have requested that we stress to all parents the need for their children to practise their instrument at home each week in preparation for their weekly lesson. This practice will be crucial to your child's progress in playing the instrument of their choice whether it be guitar, violin or flute. Thank you for all your encouragement to your children – keep it up!

GUITAR TUITION

The last session of the school year will commence on Tuesday 10 May and will run for 7 weeks (10 May – 21 June) at a cost of £17.50. Payment should be made by **Tuesday 10 May**.

If your child has stopped or is stopping these lessons please send in a note to the office to confirm this.

SELB TUITION

The last payment of £31 was due on Friday 8 April. To date there is still outstanding money and we would ask that this is paid in full as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.



'EMPOWER PROJECT'

The focus of the project is to support children under 12 with autism, dyslexia and dyspraxia, their parents and the wider family circle to enhance their confidence and learn together to develop skills to support their children.

www.empowernetwork.co.uk Tel 02895816852

BBC JUNIOR BAKE OFF

CBBC is looking for junior bakers aged between 9 – 12 years across the country to take part in the brand new Junior Bake Off. All Parents please visit:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/junior-bake-off-4-be-on-a-show for an application form.

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