



## October 2021 Newsletter

### Student Council 2021-22

Our student council members have been elected and have had their first meeting where they voted and agreed on a chairperson and secretary. They discussed the role of the student council in the school. "Our first task is to design a mascot for our school council and start planning some fun events and fund raisers for our school. We want to help purchase a bike shelter for our school and make it the best place we can for us all."



We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the school fund donation to date. This money will be used to support and enhance the education of your children!

Mrs Angela Doherty would like to thank all those who gifted and wished her well on her retirement.



Congratulations to all the boys and girls in Primary 5 who celebrated their First Holy Communion.



Please download the Schools NI app to keep up-to-date with all our school news on the website. Make sure notifications are turned on.

## Friends of Good Shepherd –Parent Association Group

A meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.15pm in the school assembly hall. **We would welcome new members to come along!**

### 1. Benefit your child!

Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school

### 2. Get connected!

There is no better way to know what's happening at school

### 3. Tap into a network!

PTA connects you to other parents and teachers through meetings, events and communication, helping to build a sense of community

### 4. Be a role model!

By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child, the importance you place on education

### 5. Witness Improvement!

By getting involved in PTA, you'll be part of the solution – helping to make positive changes

## Important Dates in October:

Date	What's on?
4/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
4/10/21	Parentline NI workshop 'Bounce Back' Tel: 0808 8020 400
5/10/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
6/10/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
6/10/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
7/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
8/10/21	All-state Cyber Safety training workshop for Primary 5
11/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
12/10/21	Derry Journal photographs for P1 'first day at school' supplement.
12/10/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
13/10/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme

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13/10/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P4
14/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
<b>18/10/21</b>	<b>School Photographer</b>
<b>18-22/10/21</b>	<b>Maths Week Ireland being celebrated in school</b>
18/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
<b>19/10/21</b>	<b>School Photographer</b>
19/10/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
20/10/21	Primary 6 schools swimming programme
20/20/21	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P4
21/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
25/10/21	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
26/10/21	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
26/10/21	<b>Fancy Dress/non-uniform £1 per child in aid of NSPCC</b> Parky the Magician visit

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (inclusive)**  
**School closed for Halloween Holidays**  
**School reopens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**



## Safeguarding Information



I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. **Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time.** Please talk to your child about general road safety. Please cross the road using the school crossing patrol. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

### Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mrs M Hegarty)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty). Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly. The holiday list for the next academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here. Dinners for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October start on week 2. Extra-curricular provision details can also be found on the website.

### Covid-19 Information

- **Parents/Guardians must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and exercise social distancing in and around the school gates.**
- **Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school**
- **If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and book a PCR test**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe Thank you!**

**Teaching and Learning starts at 9am each day. Please ensure that your child is dropped off for school on time.**