



April 2022 Newsletter



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



WHY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT –

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn.
- To have fun.
- To make new friends.
- To experience new things in life.
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences.
- To achieve.
- To gain qualifications.
- To develop new skills.
- To build confidence and self-esteem.
- To have the best possible start in life.

**Miss School -
Miss Out!!**



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP –

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- Take truancy seriously – if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk – Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homeworks).
- Attend parent evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – staff are there to help and will be supportive.

Covid-19 Information

- **Thank you for your ongoing support and communication to date!**
- **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**
- **If anyone in your household is awaiting a PCR test result or is Covid positive, please contact the school**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe 😊**



Congratulations to our Soccer Team in winning the Ryan McBride School's Cup on Friday 25th March 2022. Your school community are very proud of you all!

Well done to our Primary 4 children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession. We wish them very blessing as they continue their preparation for their First Holy Communion.



We are delighted to inform you that we will be welcoming back Mrs Kyle and Mrs Connor to school following their maternity leave. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Chambers and Miss Sherry for their hard work, care and commitment while teaching in the Nursery and Primary 5.

We look forward to welcoming back HURT into the school who will deliver a 6-week programme to the Year 7 classes in preparation for their Confirmation Pledge.



What's on?

At time of publication all dates were correct- any changes will be posted on the school website.	
Date	What's on?
1/4/22	Primary 5 Mrs Wilson's class last week of swimming programme
1/4/22	First Split the Pot Raffle
2/4/22	Confirmation 11am Mr Herron & 1.30pm Mrs Forbes St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road.

4-8/4/22	Assessment Week P3- P7- Please ensure your child is punctual to school.
4/4/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
5/4/22	Soccer Match
5/4/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
6/4/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
7/4/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
7/4/22	Girl's netball afterschool club
8/4/22	Primary Miss Sherry's class swimming programme WEEK 1
8/4/22	Second Split the Pot Raffle
11/4/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
12/4/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
13/4/22	NO AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB
13/4/22	Friends of Good Shepherd Easter Hamper Draw
School Closed for the Easter Holidays Thursday 14th April- Friday 22nd April 2022 (inclusive)	
25/4/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm P5, P6 & P7
26/4/22	Soccer Match
26/4/22	Multi-sport after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3-P7
27/4/22	Dance Club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
28/4/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
28/4/22	Girl's netball afterschool club
29/4/22	Gaelic Team- Fr Gallagher Cup @ Faughanvale
29/4/22	Primary Miss Sherry's class swimming programme WEEK 2



Our School Community raised £300 for the Foyle Down Syndrome Trust. Thank you everyone!

We would like to wish our amazing Primary 7 children every blessing as they make their Confirmation on Saturday.



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 (Mr M Gormley)

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 Kyle/ 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.



We would like to wish our entire school community a very happy Easter!