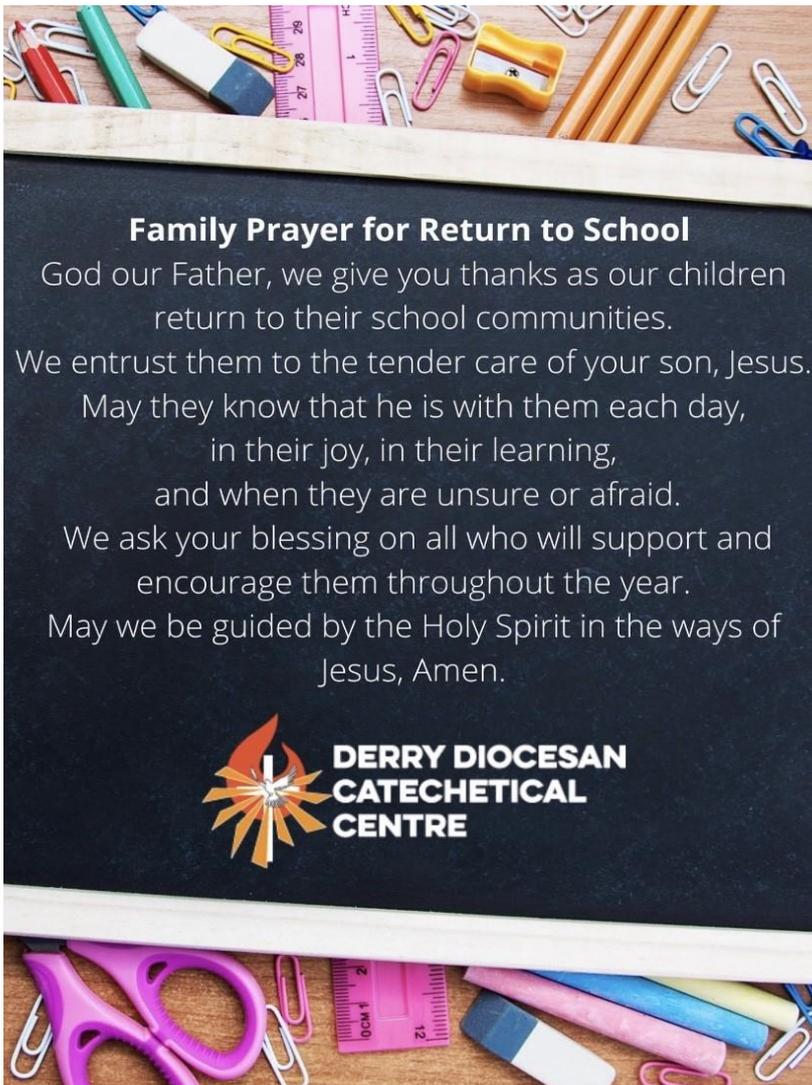




September 2022 Newsletter



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our children and families as they return to school this September. We would also like to welcome all our new pupils who have joined our nursery, primary 1 and other primary classes throughout the school.



Family Prayer for Return to School

God our Father, we give you thanks as our children return to their school communities. We entrust them to the tender care of your son, Jesus. May they know that he is with them each day, in their joy, in their learning, and when they are unsure or afraid. We ask your blessing on all who will support and encourage them throughout the year. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in the ways of Jesus, Amen.

 **DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE**

As a school community, we wish every family every blessing as we begin the new school year.

We continue to hold the family and friends of Joseph Sebastian and Reuven Simon and the entire Kerala community in our hearts and prayers at this difficult time. May God bless and comfort them.

ADVANCING
RACE EQUALITY AWARDS
★ ★ ★ 2022 ★ ★ ★

ANTI-RACISM/ANTI-BULLYING ART COMPETITION

#AREA22 SHORTLISTED NOMINEE

Annliya Manoj - Good Shepherd Primary School

Anti-Racism Ambassador of the year award
Primary School



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the public service union

The Executive Office

EasyLetsNI.com
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Well done and congratulations to Annliya Manoj who has been shortlisted in the Anti-Racism Ambassador of the Year Award 2022. Good luck Annilya...we are so proud of you! The overall winner is to be announced at the award ceremony on Thursday 22nd September.



Please ensure that you download the Schools NI App which is linked to our website. Click on the ? on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on.



Learning starts at 9am every day. It is important that your child is punctual for school. School gates open from 8.45am. Breakfast club is open from 8.10am.

Covid-19 Information

- 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 your child tests positive for Covid-19 they can return to school after 3 days
- Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe 😊

Safeguarding Information

We 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 (Dr 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.

Important Dates in September:

Date	What's on?
1/9/22	School reopens for all P2-P7 children. Nursery & Primary 1 have individual starting dates.
6/6/22	Dr Bike for specific Primary 6 children
7/6/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme starting WK1
12-14/9/22	Cycling proficiency for specific Primary 6 children
12/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm Primary 5, Primary 6 & Primary 7
13/9/22	Skills School: Multi-sport 2-3pm Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 7 (Primary 1 starting 27 th September 2-3pm)
14/9/22	Skills School: Dance 2-3pm Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 6 (Primary 1 starting 28 th September 2-3pm)
14/9/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK2
15/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P2 (Primary 1 to start on 29/9/22) 3-4pm P3 & P4
19/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm Primary 5, Primary 6 & Primary 7
20/9/22	Skills School: Multi-sport 2-3pm Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 7 (Primary 1 starting 27 th September 2-3pm)
21/9/22	Skills School: Dance 2-3pm Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 6 (Primary 1 starting 28 th September 2-3pm)
21/9/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK3
22/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P2 (Primary 1 to start on 29/9/22) 3-4pm P3 & P4
26/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 3-4pm Primary 5, Primary 6 & Primary 7

27/9/22	Skills School: Multi-sport 2-3pm Primary 1 & Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 7
28/9/22	Skills School: Dance 2-3pm Primary 1 & Primary 2 3-4pm Primary 3- Primary 6
28/9/22	Primary 6 schools swimming programme WK4
29/9/22	Maiden City Soccer after school club 2-3pm P1 & P2 3-4pm P3 & P4
30/9/22	Beginning of the School Year Celebration of the Eucharist 1.30pm