



NEWSLETTER 18th October 2019

Assemblies

We continued to focus on the Arabic language we are learning this month. Miss Fatima and our Arabic speaking children led us in a presentation on their culture and language and sang us a lovely song from Syria about the Arabic language and the letters that make the language, it tells us **"if you learn the language and have knowledge, you can grow a country and love."**

We have been promoting Our time to enjoy reading (**O.T.T.E.R**) this week and Mrs Davey our Assistant Literacy leader was delighted to hear about all the classes who have nearly reached the target she set as the challenge this week. Mrs Robinson is visiting all the classes to observe the new Numeracy lesson formats and has been **SO impressed** with how well the children are grasping the new mental maths strategies, so she has decided to give extra awards this month for numeracy.

Good luck to Mrs Robinson at the Pearson Awards this weekend in London, as a silver winner she is down to the final 4 Principals, so let's hope she brings that Gold back to our fabulous staff and superstar children!

Reminder: The children will be off for the Halloween break from Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November.

	Showing good manners	Headteacher Awards	Creative Writing Award for October	Other achievements
P1	Carragh Finn, Sophia Mallon and Ruby-Marie Toner-McCann	Ruby Marie Toner-McCann for being so mannerly around school	Jessica Wilson, Sophie Brown and Layla Dunlop	
P2	Logan McGeough, Sarah Caldwell, Bobbi Gourley and Conor Lavery	Pearse Flynn McDonagh, Shane McMullan and Ellie Allen for their impressive numeracy skills and Che Cochrane for his great knowledge at the allotments	Amelia Hall, Mark Richmond and Lewis Barkley	
P3	Leah Flynn, Christopher Campbell-Moylan and Eve Shields	Conor Walsh for his excellent bar modelling	Summer Brackenridge, Ciara O'Neill and Sean McCormick	
P4	Caoimhe Hamill, Rachel Larkin and Jorja Seenan	Pearse Smyth for being such a gentleman around school	Orlaith Collins, Olivia Brown and Fionn McCabe	Michael McGarry for Gaelic player of the week



P5	Cian Reynolds, Shea Higgins and Grace Hitchen	Mary McKay for always having a lovely smile in school	Jaiden McLarnon, Sam Flynn and Dylan Whelan	Cian Reynolds Gaelic Player of the year and Mary McKay for camogie
P6	Abbey McCrudden, Angela Commins and Caitlin Gray	Sophia McLarnon for trying so hard during numeracy and Anthony Egan for helping his classmate during Talk Task	Oisin Walker, Kealan McCrea and Alyssa O'Hara	Caoimhe Slane for contemporary dancing and Lucas Larmour Murphy for Judo
P7	Tiernan Whelan, Karlie Brennan and Dylan McGreevy	Ethan Moylan for his great piece of writing on World Mental Health Day	Caoimhe Kane, Shea McAlorum, Lucy Mulholland and Finn Grant	

This week's whole school focus was **Sitting quietly during lesson transitions**, ask your child did they manage to get their name on the class Recognition Board? Next week's target will be Good **walking around the school and when entering the canteen at lunchtime**

Golden Tickets: Roscha McNally, Naomi McDonnell, Tilly Bell, Ava Cunningham, Aodhan Doran, Stanley Hajnos, Ella Curtis, Colm Donnelly, Ryan Hunte, Maci Conboy, Maisie Phillips, Rhys Carnahan, Keelan Murray, Owen O'Hara and Liam Collins

Happy Birthday to: Kaitlyn O'Neill, Conan Dunlop, John Daly, Tilly Hitchen, Jack McKernan, Aoiheann Deighan Garland, Donal Graham, Zara Maynes and Tiernan Whelan



“Every School Day Counts”

**Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.
Attendance percentages can be very misleading.
(Being late each day also impacts on your child’s learning)**

Please check your child’s attendance percentage for this school year at the top of the report against the following information.

Percentage attendance for 2019/20	Number of days missed	Rating
100% Attendance	0 of days missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of absence 2 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of Learning missed	Very Poor (Education Welfare become involved)
80% Attendance	38 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable (Education Welfare will be involved)
75% Attendance	46 days of absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable (Education Welfare will be involved)

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of the school year-that is nearly 4 weeks of learning!

