



NEWSLETTER 21st May 2021



Covid Update.. we have had two confirmed cases of Covid in a class bubble this week and awaiting news of another case in another bubble. These are the first cases since Halloween, so it is clear we all still need to be very careful and follow the guidance in our daily lives.

Please ensure **children are not sent to school** if they show any symptoms of being unwell. Coughs, colds, sore throats, headaches are Covid signs, so it is best to err on the side of caution until you are sure they are Covid free.

Let's try hard to get us through the final 5 weeks of school, without any more disruption to the children's learning.

We are so proud of two of the children who have been busy raising funds for two great causes, Alfie McKnight in P3CMcC used his own money to buy ballots and raffled off a prize to raise £60 for Macmillan Cancer, after his nanny passed away recently. Grace Hitchen in P6 made Fidget Boxes and also had a raffle, she raised £200 for the Noah Donohoe Foundation. It is so wonderful to hear of children being **selfless and thinking of how they can help others and make a difference.**

We are now well settled into the new building, the P1-2 children are loving their new equipment for their courtyard, it is just fabulous to see children **learning outdoors** every day. Mr Burke as our World Around Us Leader, is working on developing a new sensory garden at the front of the school, so in the coming months, we will see a new outdoor classroom arrive, areas for planting and growing, external musical instruments, so that next school year, classes can have lessons outdoors in the fresh air. The gardeners have now grass seeded the areas around the school, so fingers crossed we will see greenery over the coming months.

Support Squad; we focused this week on the children knowing who they can talk to if they are worried, anxious or sad. Chat to them at home about who is in their Squad and try each day to find out about their worries and also the things they enjoyed that day. Remember it's good to talk and if we can all work with children at an early age to learn coping strategies they can move through life more resilient.



Diversity Mark

	Classmates' Award	Headteacher Awards	Birthdays	Canteen Golden Tickets
P1	Mia Hawthorne, Donal Graham and Eabha McNulty Lendrum	Ariya Ugur for being so fantastic in the canteen		Sadie Doherty, Jack Power and Jack Conboy
P2	Katie McCrory, Noah Colaluca and Aodhan Doran Hughes	Katie McCrory for her gorgeous manner and that famous smile	Peter O'Hara	Katie McCrory, Alanna Ferris and Tiernan Conlon
P3	Ben McClory, Colm Donnelly, Hannah Flanagh and Thomas O'Neill	Alfie McKnight for his excellent fund raising idea	Aaron McKinney	Oisin Smyth, Izzy McGeary, Anthony Fitzpatrick and Ava Thompson McGowan
P4	Dillon Corrigan, Olivia Teesdale and Riley Woods	Aaron McConnell for really impressing Mrs R with his numeracy		Jake Doherty, Darcie McCrudden and Aoibheann Deighan Garland
P5	Aille Hewitt, David O'Gormley and Leen Antabli	Melissa Davidson for really impressing Mrs H with her mental maths	Stanley Hajnos, Jason McDaniel, Pearse Smyth, Chloe Pettigrew, Lorcan Sands McAllister	Sean Magee and Lorcan Sands McAllister
P6	Sophie O'Rourke, Caoimhin Hillick and Bethany Owens	Cillian Murphy for being the loveliest young man around school	Riley Daly, Dannii McAteer, Daniel Hajnos	Conor McDonnell, Grace Hitchen, Xavier Nawroki, and Eimear Rice
P7	Darren McNally, Stephen O'Neill McMahon and Nathan Baine	Natalia McGonnell for being such a sweet natured friend in school	Katie O'Hara, Caitlin Callaghan	Cody McAteer, Darragh Morgan and Tilly McCourt



Holidays and closures 2021/22

- School closed on Monday 31st May for the bank holiday and for staff to work on School Reports.
- School closes on Thursday 24th June at 11:30a.m for Nursery P1-6 for the Summer break

New School Year

- School returns for P2-7 on Wednesday 1st September
- Halloween Break School closed week of 25th October. Children return on Monday 1st November
- Christmas Break School closes on Tuesday 21st December at 11:30a.m and reopens on Wednesday 5th January (3rd and 4th January are staff training days)
- February Break week of 14th February, children return on Monday 21 February
- St Patrick's Day: school closed Thursday 17th March and Friday 18th March for staff training
- Easter Break School closes Thursday 14th April at 11: 30a.m and reopens Monday 25th April
- May Day School closed Monday 2nd May
- School closed Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June and Monday 6th June. Children return on 7th June
- School closes for the summer break Thursday 29th June at 11:30a.m