



Newsletter

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Covid Cases

Parents have a very difficult decision to make when a member of their household tests positive for Covid. Current guidelines are that pupils are free to come to school, after a negative PCR test, even when a member of their household tests positive. Where a parent decides that the best course of action is to keep the negative child at home for the full period of self-isolation, school will support parents by continuing to send classwork home digitally via Class Dojo.



Pupils finish for their half-term break on **Friday 22nd October** at normal finishing times. School returns on **Tuesday 2nd November** with Monday 1st November being a staff development day in school.



After School Clubs

We are delighted to have been able to have after school clubs up and running again. During the second half of Term 1, the choice of club for each year group will change. We have decided, due to continued positive cases within school, to maintain 'class bubbles' for clubs for the rest of the term and will look at the possibility of relaxing this after Christmas. The next 4-week cycle of after school clubs will run from **8th November until 3rd December**.



Our Term 1 parental consultations will take place on the week following half-term from **Tuesday 2nd until Friday 5th November**. These consultations will take place via phone call and teachers will be in

touch via Dojo to confirm times. School will finish at the normal finishing times from Tuesday to Friday that week.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

This year our Anti-Bullying Week will begin on **Monday 15th November** with an 'Odd Socks Day'. There will be an activity each day during the week for all our pupils alongside input from our local PSNI officers. The theme of the week is 'One Kind Word', for more information please visit: www.endbullying.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/

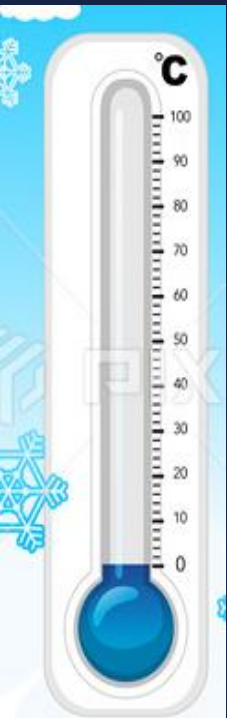
Engage Programme

We are delighted to have been included once again in DENI's Engage programme.

This additional funding will allow us to provide further small group teaching opportunities for our pupils with Mrs Dines. Much of our focus for this additional provision will be on **P2 and P3** with this particular band of pupils having faced so much disruption due to Covid during their early school lives.



Best of all, one kind word leads to another.



PE Kit

With PE continuing to be held outside for the foreseeable future we must now begin to plan for colder weather. Pupils should wear a white t-shirt with dark tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper. Pupils will also have the option to wear their coat during PE sessions if they choose. Parents may also choose to purchase an **optional** school tracksuit top from www.442teamwear.com/millisle-ps or hoody (coming soon from The Signature Works)

. These **optional** items can be worn on PE days, swimming days or for sport-based clubs but do not form part of everyday school uniform.



ClassDojo

Teachers have Class Dojo set to quiet hours outside of school working hours. They will only be able to respond to messages in the morning before school starts, at the end of the school day and on occasion throughout the school day. If you have an urgent message for school outside of school opening times, please email imcmanus626@c2kni.net

Dates for your Diary

18 th October	P7 AQE interviews (via phone call)
22 nd October	School closes for half-term. Normal finishing times and after school care operational
1 st November	Staff Development Day
2 nd November	Pupils return after half-term .
2 nd – 5 th November	Parent / teacher interviews (via phone call)
15 th – 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 2021
20 th November	AQE Test 1
27 th November	AQE Test 2
4 th December	AQE Test 3
21 st December	Term 1 ends

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