



October Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers

September has been a very busy month. There has been lots of events and activities happening in school.

- The P1/P2 children had a lovely time visiting the library in Coalisland and changing their library books.
- Our Breakfast Club is back in action; 80p per day per child.
- Minding Club is Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: P1/P2/P3 - 2:10pm-3:10pm £1.50 per day
- The Tuesday after-schools club is also continuing with Enda McGahan teaching the children Gaelic football skills: P1/P2/P3 - 2:00-3:00pm, P4/P5/P6/P7 - 3:00-4:00pm
- P5/6 are thoroughly enjoying their Irish lessons.
- Our guitarists are back strumming away every Friday with their tutor Josh.
- Miss Devine resumed tin whistle classes with P4-P7 children.
- We had a beautiful mass to welcome in our new school year.
- Children in P5/6/7 attended a Blitz in Clonoe and did extremely well. Congratulations.
- We have a new school motto which is '**Live well, Play together, Learn forever**'
- Wear your favourite jersey to school day was a great success.
- We have a new Head Boy/Head Girl/School Council
- Coin Collection for September was **£215.81**. Many sincere Thanks.
- Our school mass on Thursday 29th September was beautiful. Thank you to every child in our school you made it so special.

Eco Schools

Thank you to Miss Devine who has been very busy working with P4-P7 to develop our Eco-Schools programme. As part of this programme there is now an Afterschools Club on every Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm for P5/6/7.

Thank you to Mrs. McKernan and P.1 for planting lovely flowers around the front of our school. Our Eco Committee for 2016/17 is now in place: see website for more details.

ICT Club

ICT club will take place every Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm for P4's with Mrs McGrath.

Thank you to Mrs McGrath for also setting up a new facebook page for our school. Have a look to see the great things going on in Aughamullan P.S.

Transfer Club

Transfer Club for P7'S will continue on the following dates with Mrs. Gorman.

5TH October

12th October

26th October

9th November

Please take note there will be **NO** Transfer Club on Wednesday 19th October

Free school Meals

We would encourage anyone who thinks that their child may be entitled to Free School Meals to collect an application form from the school office.

Our school budget actually benefits from children taking free school meals, so we would be grateful for all applications.

Maths Week

Week beginning 17TH October the school will celebrate Maths Week.

On Friday 21st we will have a Maths afternoon, where the children will be engaging in a variety of Maths games and activities.

Parent Teacher Meetings

The school will hold Parent Teacher Meetings on Thursday 27th October. All children will have early dinner at 12 noon and go home at 12:30pm to facilitate the meetings starting at 1pm. You will be notified of your appointment soon.

Fancy Dress Parade

We will hold our annual Fancy Dress Parade and raffle on Friday 28th October. Children may come to school in their costumes. Children do not require a new costume for the parade. Last year some of the best costumes were those original ones which the parents/guardians put together themselves. So let's see parents, how creative can you be?? Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 17th October at £1 per strip, prizes will be given out on Thursday 20TH October.

Parent Support Group

Thank you again to all those parents who have undertaken to become part of our PSG. We are very grateful for all the time and effort they put in to fundraising for our children. We are always looking for new members with new ideas. The group meets about once every 6 weeks. Meetings are very informal, and tea and biscuits are guaranteed!! Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd October everyone is very welcome.

Our first event is the Night at the Races which will take place in Falls' Lounge on Friday 21st October at 9pm.

Movie Night

There is a Movie night for all the children from 6:00pm-7:30pm on Friday 7th October.

Cost £4.00 each. Children are welcome to wear suitable pyjamas and bring a sleeping bag and their favourite teddy with them. Popcorn and a drink will be provided.

Easy Fundraising

The Parent Support Group has registered the school on www.easyfundraising.org.uk for shopping online. Please sign up as it will really help our school at no cost to you.

Road Safety

You may have noticed how dangerous the road has become outside our school. Traffic races past our school and last week a black car was actually drifting at the junction. The school Council have informed the PSNI about our concerns regarding speeding and dangerous driving and are contacting the council again to see if there is anything more they can do to make the Coole Road a safer place for our children.

Website

www.aughamullanps.com

Regina has been working hard updating our school website. Have a look to see what your children have been up to this month. Our dinner menu, timetables etc are also on there for your convenience.

Dates for diary

Confirmation will take place on the Sunday 26th February 2016 at 3pm

First Holy Communion will take place Saturday 3rd June at 11:00am

Holidays

The school will be closed Monday 31st October, Tuesday 1st November, Wednesday 2nd November, and Thursday 3rd November for the Halloween Break. The school will also be closed on Friday 4th November for a Staff Development Day.

The children have worked very hard and I would like to thank you for supporting them with their homework activities and for your efforts in sending the children to school in full school uniform. They look so smart and tidy. Please ensure that children's names are clearly marked on their jumper.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many Thanks,

Orla Gorman

Prinicpal