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October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians

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

- The mobile library visited the school and the children had a lovely time visiting the library and changing their books.
- Our Breakfast Club is back in action; 80p per day per child.
- The Tuesday After-schools Club is also continuing with Enda McGahan teaching the children Gaelic football skills.
- Our P4 – P7 children enjoy football coaching from Brian Lavery every Thursday afternoon.
- Our children are thoroughly enjoying their French lessons with Karine. 🇫🇷
- Our guitarists are back strumming away every Wednesday with their tutor Nathaniel. 🎸
- Miss Holland has begun tin whistle classes with P4-P7 children.
- Miss Holland organised a beautiful mass to welcome in our new school year.



Eco Schools – Reduce Recycle Reuse

Miss McCourt has been very busy working with P4-P7 to develop our Eco –Schools programme. As part of this programme we had a visit from Jill Eagleson a Recycling Officer from Dungannon Council on 29th September.

Thank you to Mary Quinn who has come back to help our children plant beautiful flowers around the front of our school.

Our Eco Committee for 2015/16 is now in place: see our website for more details.

Lights, Camera, Confidence



The staff at Lights, Camera Confidence visited the children to give a taster session on the benefits of Drama based activities in school. The children really enjoyed the show and we will be considering this as an afterschool's provision over the winter term.

Zoolab

The team from Zoolab will be visiting the children on Monday 5th October to present various workshops ranging from millipedes to rainforests. This should be a really fun day.

Use of Children's Photos

In September you signed a form to give us permission to use your children's photos. These photos may be used on PSG website or Clonoe Gallery. Please let the school know if do not want your child's photos used on these websites.

School Photos



Lafayette Photography will be in the school on Monday 12th October from 9.30am to take photographs of the children. Those parents with children in nursery/playschool or younger children wishing to avail of a family portrait session please be in the school for 9.30am.

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 12th October the school will celebrate Maths Week.

On Friday 16th 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 Monday 26th 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 in due course.

Fancy Dress Parade

We will hold our annual Fancy Dress Parade and raffle on Tuesday 27th. 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 19nd October at £1 per strip, prizes will be given out on Tuesday afternoon.



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 Wednesday 14th October at 7pm, everyone is very welcome. In the meantime you can check out the 'Friends of Aughamullan' Facebook page to see a fantastic video of lots of the activities your children have taken part in during their time in Aughamullan.

Our first event is the **Halloween Quiz** 

The annual Halloween Quiz will take place in Falls' Lounge on Friday 23rd October at 9pm. Admission is £5 and everyone is welcome.

Easy Fundraising

The Parent Support Group has registered the school on www.easyfundraising.org.uk for shopping online. Please see attached flyer for details.

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 diffing at the junction. We have informed 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, and a photo of Mrs Ward's beautiful new baby Rachel.

Date for diary

Confirmation will take place on the Saturday 13th February 2016 at 3pm.

Holidays

The school will be closed on **Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th** for the Halloween break. The school will also be closed on **Monday 2nd 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. I would also like to thank you 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 jumpers.

Thank you for your co-operation in all these matters. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind Regards,

Patricia McKernan

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Acting Principal