



KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to this week's Parents' News. This week has flown in and I can't believe I'm already typing up our second newsletter of the term. We are all continuing to settle in well into our routines and I would encourage you all to keep us in your thoughts over the coming week. Especially for our Annual PTA Duck Race event to be held **TONIGHT**.



PTA: Our Parent & Teachers Association (PTA) have, as you know, organised our annual *Curran Duck Race* on the River Moyola. Due to a competition on the river tomorrow it is now being organised for **TONIGHT** at 6.15pm (without the planned bbq). Families should by now have returned all monies and ticket stubs to the office.

If any outstanding unsold tickets remain we would ask that they are also returned to the school office on Monday. We look forward to seeing you all at the same point on the river as last year at the back of **Tobermore Golf Range** for the big event. I would appeal to you all to bring along family and friends to help encourage along your little quackers. My thanks in advance go as always to each of the members of the PTA who have helped organise and manage this event tonight for the benefit of all our children.

House Captains & Deputy House

Captains Elected: Last week one of the items that didn't make it in time for our newsletter was the election of our House & Deputy House Captains. I'm delighted to say the following P7 children were elected by all the pupils within their respective houses to lead their peers in sporting and other organised fixtures:

Moyola: House Captain: Aimee Clarke & Deputy Captain: Naomi McLean. **Quarry:** House Captain: Callum Ewing & Deputy Captain: Grace Wilson. **Termoneeny:** House Captain: Mark Jones & Deputy Captain: Jamie Mawhinney **Windmill:** House Captain: Callum Speirs & Deputy Captain: Sara Henderson.

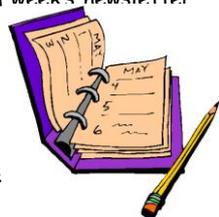
A house noticeboard is in our main school corridor where events and house points are published. House points are also kept up to date at the bottom of our school web page.

P1 Pupils Now Stay to 2pm:

Our P1 children have all settled in well to school *'like little ducks to water'* and from Monday will remain in school for lunch and activities before going home at 2pm. Although there are no clubs as yet until Monday 21st Sept. P1 children can now stay for our Windmill Club day care if parents require it. A slip is at the bottom of each *week's* newsletter if it is required.

Dates for the diary:

- Monday 14th Sept. - P1 stay until 2pm
- Tuesday 15th Sept. - School Photographer
- Monday 21st Sept. - After School Clubs Commence



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School Council Elections:

Democracy was in action this week throughout our school when children from throughout our learning community stood for election, canvassed their peers and earned their votes to represent their year groups on our Pupil School Council. I am delighted to announce the following children have been elected: **Chairperson:** Callum Speirs, **Vice Chairperson:** Seth McKeown, **Treasurer:** Callum Ewing, **Secretary:** Emma McKay, **Vice Secretary:** Nicole Clark, **Year Reps:** Year 1 - Hayley Shiels, Year 2 - Ashley Kelly, Year 3 - Andrew Henderson, Year 4 - Jack Speer, Year 5 - Lola Henderson, Year 6 - Kaitlyn Houston and Year 7 - Hannah Kenning. Six new posts have been created to help improve the continuity of our Pupil Council's work as an Eco School and also as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. The children who have been elected into these two year-long posts as the Year 6 Eco/UNICEF Council Reps are: Kimberley Hawe, Amy McKinley and Peter Maguire. The three children who have continued for their second year on our Pupil Council in the new role as Year 7 Eco/UNICEF Council Reps. are: Aimee Clarke, Sara Henderson and Namoi McLean. We wish them all the very best as they help to lead our pupil body.



Clubs: Clubs start back on 21st Sept. Last week a timetable and clubs booking slip were sent home with the newsletter. This can also be downloaded from our website for anyone who missed it. Please return the slip to the office as soon as possible as some clubs places are limited and filling up fast.

Dinner Menu Week 2 from Monday

<http://www.knockloughrim.org>
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Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 14 th Sept. - (Costs: Up to 1hr = £2.50 or Longer than 1 hr up to 6pm = £8)					
Names of Child/ren:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Days Required:	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>
Pick Up Time:	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.

School Photographer: Slips have gone home this week with regard to the school photographer on Tuesday. All children will be photographed for individual records but if you require an additional family group photograph to be taken please indicate this clearly on the form and return to school on Monday

Contact Details: To help our school to be as environmentally friendly as possible we would really like to get as high a proportion of our parents linked into receiving our Parents Newsletter and other correspondence by email. To help facilitate this we would ask those parents who do receive this newsletter in a paper copy to please contact our office if you have an email address or any internet access. Our school newsletter is available online and by email so if you do have internet access we would really appreciate it if you used it to allow us to send you correspondence such as this.

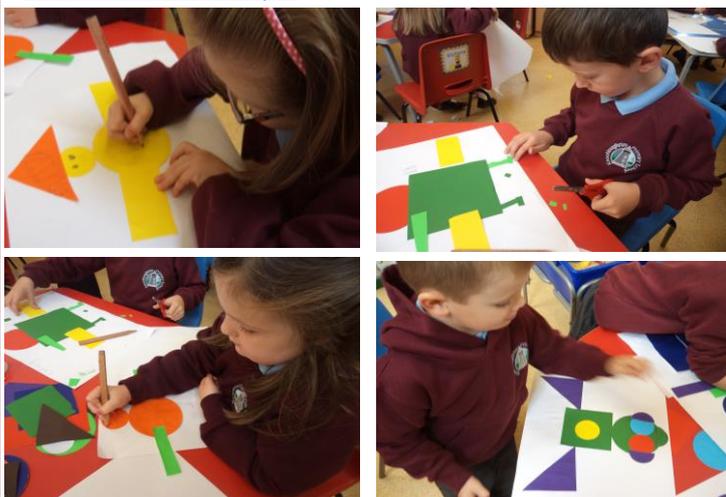
Pastoral Care Pack: We take the happiness of all our little learners very seriously in Knockloughrim Primary as we believe that children will do best when they are as happy as possible. During our most recent ETI inspection the level of Pastoral Care (how we look after our children) was deemed by the inspectors to be "Outstanding" - the highest level possible. We endeavor as a school to maintain this very high standard and as we believe we work in partnership with all our parents we will be producing an annual Pastoral Care Pack that will detail on an annual basis the systems that we put in place to ensure the safety and happiness of all our little learners. Each child is unique and they all have their own needs and requirements to ensure they are as happy as possible for as much of the time as is possible. Until our Pastoral Care Pack becomes available we would encourage parents if they have any worries or concerns to contact your child's class teacher to discuss them.

Magherafelt Foodbank:

As a school with a Christian ethos and a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we attempt to support the most vulnerable in our society as and when we can. One way we do this is by supporting and encouraging donations for Magherafelt Foodbank. From time to time they run low in specific items and we will circulate this in our newsletter and on facebook. There is a permanent collection point in our school foyer so please feel free to donate as and when you can. We will be finding out lots more about the Foodbank leading up to Harvest this year.

- Milk (LHTT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Instant mash potato
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Strawberry Jam
- Biscuits or snack bars
- Dog Food
- Cat Food
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Sanitary wear
- Deodorant
- Sensitive baby wipes

P2 Numeracy: A few snaps from P2 Maths



Dyslexia Friendly School: In cooperation with the British Dyslexia Association we will be working this year towards becoming recognised as one of the few primary schools in Northern Ireland to achieve the status as a *Dyslexia Friendly School*. Dyslexia is a recognized genetic condition occurring in 10% of our population that creates a variety of different literacy difficulties in learners across a very broad range of areas and no two people will present completely the same. It operates separately of intelligence although can work alongside related conditions such as dyspraxia, dyscalculia and attention deficit disorder. We will be informing you more as the year progresses but wanted to let you know now as our children will be coming more aware of this condition as the year progresses.

Shared Education Project: We have a long partnership of working with St. Brigid's Primary School, Mayogall and were delighted in July to secure just over £70,000 to allow us to participate in a shared education project over the next three academic years. The project will hopefully enrich the teaching and learning within both schools as well as sustain and develop our good relations that have existed now for almost two decades. Each class will be actively involved and benefit directly from this programme although of course as always any parent who wishes to withdraw their child from these activities can of course do so by contacting the Principal Mr. Wysner directly. Our P6/7 trip to Bushmills Education Centre this year will be a heavily subsidised joint residential from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November. More details will be going out shortly to all our P6/7 children.

Names on Belongings: As mentioned in our first newsletter we would REALLY appreciate it if parents would make sure that children have their names on all pieces of their uniform, lunch/snack boxes and school bags. This does not apply just to our new little ones as we will ALL be having a name check day at the end of the month. Each child will get a house point if they have their name on random items checked by their teacher.

Creative Shops in Magherafelt:

The Big Telly Theatre Company is working in partnership with Mid Ulster District Council and they are running a *Creative Shop* space in Meadowbank shopping centre during the whole month of October. We have been allocated a whole week to work in the shop unit with artists and dance and music facilitators. One class each day from our school will go to the shop unit instead of coming to school. Parents can drop children off at the shop unit in the Meadowbank Shopping Centre at 9.30am and collect them again from the shop unit at 2.30pm. Any child who cannot be dropped off and collected from the shopping centre can come into school as normal and provision will be made for them in another classroom. We are sorry but on this occasion school cannot transport children to and from this activity. The class arrangements are as follows:

Monday 5th Oct.: P7

Tuesday 6th Oct.: P4

Wednesday 7th Oct.: P5/6

Thursday 8th Oct.: P2/3

Friday 9th Oct.: P1/2

