



November

Newsletter

School Fund

I would like to thank you all for your contributions to School Fund this year. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you are unsure whether you have contributed to school fund, contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now available in school. There will be an opportunity to support the Poppy Appeal for the rest of this week. We have also received a few stationery items which can be purchased for 50p/£1. Stationery items can be purchased on a first-come first-served basis.



Shoebbox Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported the Samaritan's Purse Shoebbox appeal this year.



Anti-Bullying Week #One Kind Word

Next week is Anti-bullying week. To begin this week, we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November**. On this day pupils (and staff!) are invited to wear odd socks. This is a fun activity to raise awareness that we are all different and we should be kind to each other.



Parent/teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings will be conducted next week on the afternoons of 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th November.

Pupils will remain in school for lunch/dinner. P1-3 pupils and older siblings will finish at 1pm, and P4-7 will finish at 1:10pm on Tues 16th - Friday 19th November.

For parents having a face-to-face interview, you may park in the upper playground. Class teachers will admit you through the fire door of each classroom (at the rear of the school building) at your interview time. As a reminder, face coverings must be worn by all parents who selected a face-to-face interview.

Afterschool Clubs

This is the last week of afterschool clubs for this session. Art and Craft Club finished on Monday and Multisports will finish on Thursday. **There are no afterschool clubs next week.** Information on the new session of clubs for the rest of this term will be issued shortly.

Music Tuition

Music tuition continues as follows:

Monday - piano

Thursday - violin

Friday - clarinet

There will be no piano tuition next week - it will resume on Monday 22nd November.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming will begin on Thursday 11th November for P6/7. They will attend Banbridge Leisure Centre each Thursday for five weeks.

Banbridge High School Primary 7 Day

Our P7 pupils will attend this day on Monday 6th December.

Open Evening

Milltown Primary School will host an Open Evening on Thursday 9th December for new families to the school. Further details to follow.

AQE

The AQE tests will run this year on the following dates:

Saturday 20th November

Saturday 27th November

Saturday 4th December

We would like to wish all our pupils who are sitting this test the very best!

Christmas Dinner

A preliminary notice that our school Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 17th December.

School should be kept informed of any positive cases or those self-isolating.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright
Principal

Facebook

Thank you to all those who replied regarding our new Facebook page. This will be a useful means of celebrating and promoting school life! The page will be launched later this month.



Pupil Absences

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school that you contact school explaining the reason for the absence. All absences need to be coded on our school records.

Morning Arrivals

A reminder that school doors open at 8:40am. Parents/guardians should remain with their child/ren until that time. Pupils should not be left unsupervised in the school grounds prior to 8:40am.

Covid-19 Procedures

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant in social distancing within the school grounds and wearing a face covering.

As a reminder the symptoms are:



- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss or change of taste or smell

If your child displays any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and refer to the guidance flow chart on the school website for further information.

In most cases (unless your child has already had Covid-19) a PCR test will need to be taken - results should be forwarded to hwright575@c2ken.net. Please note, a lateral flow test is not an acceptable alternative to a PCR test for a pupil displaying potential symptoms.

The Public Health Agency is now responsible for identifying the close contacts of positive cases.