



January/February

Newsletter

Christmas Hamper Draw and Quiz

Congratulations to the winners of the PTA Christmas Hamper Draw and Quiz. The Draw raised £98 and the Quiz £101 for PTA funds. Thank you to all who contributed!

Save the Children

Our Christmas Jumper Day collection for Save the Children raised £63. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Ms Gunn to the Milltown team. She will be working within P1/2 as a classroom assistant.

Admissions for September 2022

Enrolment to P1 for next year opens on Monday 10th January at 12 noon and will close on Friday 28th January at 12 noon. Applications are not on a 'first come, first served basis'.

P1 applications should be completed online at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions. School would be happy to assist any family who would like help applying, please get in contact with us.

If you know any family who was unable to attend our Open Evening and would like to see around the school, encourage them to get in touch with us.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for January/February will take place on the following dates:

Cookery Club - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February

Ball Games Club - 13th, 20th and 27th January and 3rd and 10th February

Music Lessons

Our music tuition will continue on the following days:

Monday - piano

Thursday - violin

Friday - woodwind



Train It, Teach It

Dave Sellwood will be leading sports coaching with P3/4/5 and P6/7 each Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday 18th January. These two sessions will take place outside. P3-7 pupils should wear their P.E. uniform each Tuesday. Following the sports session Dave will conclude with a short Bible talk.

Facebook

Thank you to all those who follow our new Facebook page. This will be a useful means of celebrating and promoting school life.



Soap

Could pupils in P1/2 bring in a container of liquid soap to replenish supplies.

Covid-19 Update

As a school we are mindful to keep the school community as safe as possible. Please be aware of the following:

Warm clothing

All pupils should bring a coat to school - this is important for outdoor breaks and lessons. During the school day we aim to keep your child as comfortable as possible while also ensuring adequate ventilation within the classroom. If your child is cold they should wear another layer of clothing under their uniform. If necessary, they may also wear their coat in class.



Covid-19 Symptoms

The three possible symptoms of Covid-19 remain:

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

If your child displays any of these symptoms they should have a PCR test. Please email results to school.

With the new variant, we are witnessing an increased range of possible Covid-19 symptoms, including a sore head, sore throat, and runny nose. Please be extremely vigilant regarding this wider range of symptoms. **Any pupil who is not well, should NOT attend school.** Pupils should be closely monitored at home and should not return to school until they recover.

If Covid-19 is suspected they should arrange a PCR test before returning. If the PCR test is positive they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. The Public Health Agency will advise you further about this.

Close Contacts

A close contact is someone in the same household as a positive case or someone who has assisted a child in a school setting with intimate care. A child who is in the same class as your child is no longer deemed to be a close contact.

If your child is a close contact, they will be contacted by the Public Health Agency. They should isolate and take daily Lateral Flow Tests. If the Lateral Flow Test is positive they should self-isolate for 10 days. Please contact school if your child is a close contact for further advice.

School should be notified of all positive cases of Covid-19 and all pupils who are close contacts.

If any family needs to contact the school during evenings and weekends, use the email address hwright575@c2ken.net. Only Covid-19 concerns will be dealt with out of school hours.

Face-to-face Learning

It is our priority for school to remain open and fully functioning. This is becoming increasingly challenging as cases spread. This in turn affects levels of staffing and the ability to fill vacant roles is difficult.

As a precaution, I would encourage you to have a 'Plan B' in place should we need to move a class to remote learning on Seesaw. Be assured that this will only take place when all other options have been exhausted.

Thank you for your ongoing support. To continue to help us, keep your child at home if they are unwell, keep us informed of any positive cases and close contacts and socially distance and wear a face covering within the playground.

Half term

School will be closed the week beginning Monday 14th February for half-term. It will reopen on Monday 21st February.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright
Principal