

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge Newsletter

October 2023



Spooky Supper Dance

We are delighted to invite our children to our Spooky Supper Dance on Thursday 26th of October from 5.45 to 6.45. Children should wear fancy dress. The Hatch, Strabane, will be catering a hot meal for each child, so don't worry about dinner! A letter has gone home with full details, please make sure you return your child's meal choice by Friday 20th of October. Remember also that all pupils in P1-P7 will go home at 2.15 on this day to get time to prepare.



Pumpkin Competition

We are inviting families to get creative and bring a carved pumpkin on the night of the Spooky Supper Dance. We aim to illuminate the pumpkins for all to see and award some prizes.



Parent-Teacher Phone Calls

You will be aware that on Friday 27th of October the school will be closed to pupils. This is to facilitate a staff day for our parent-teacher phone calls. Please contact the office on 028 8165 8439 to arrange your time slot with Mrs Gallagher. If you have children in more than one class, it is a good idea to book your calls close together. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any worries or concerns that there may be.

Reminders!!!

Nut Free School!

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school due to two children having severe allergies. Nuts or any items containing nuts must not be brought to school. The safety of the children in our care is our priority and we thank you as always for your co-operation.

Credit Union

Savings are collected every Tuesday. If you wish to join the Credit Union savings, please request an application form from Mrs Gallagher.



Telephoning the Office

Please be advised that Mrs Gallagher does not start work until 9.30am, therefore, there is no one available to take calls before this time. Other staff are tied up in morning briefings and other duties. If you are calling before 9.30am a recorded message can be left on the answer phone.

Important Dates

23rd October — Parent Code of Conduct Policy will be sent home with the eldest in each family.

26th October — Non-Uniform (own clothes Rec — P7)
P1-P7 home at 2.15

26th October — Halloween Fancy Dress Spooky Supper Dance.

27th October — School Closed to Pupils — Parent-Teacher Meeting.

Halloween Holidays: 30th October — 3rd November inclusive.

6th November — School Nurse Flu Immunisations

13th November — Diversity Sports Celebration

14th November — 3+ Reviews for Reception with School Health Visitor.

22nd November — Trip to Alley Theatre P3-P7

27th November — Final After School Sports with Ryan Mayse.

14th December — Christmas Show

20th December — School Closes at 12noon for Christmas Holidays.

4th January — Pupils return after Christmas Break.

Relax Kids



ReNew You

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Pupil Wellbeing at St Eugene's PS

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of programmes to assist with the wellbeing of the children in our care. Anne McVeigh runs weekly Counselling sessions in our sensory snug, however, parents should be aware that there is a lengthy waiting list for Anne's services and not all children may be able to be seen this academic year.

Shannon has returned with Relax Kids and her programme has started for our Reception, P1, P2, P3 and P4 children. Renew You will begin a fantastic resilience programme for our KS2 children after the Halloween Holidays. These are wonderful therapeutic interventions, and we are delighted that our children are able to benefit from them.

Integrated Education Update

Our Case for Change proposal to become an Integrated School has been approved by the EA Planning Committee and is now at the statutory consultation stage. This is an opportunity for the support for the proposal to be made known. I encourage everyone to send your support either via letter to the Area Planning and Policy Team, Department of Education, Rathgael House, Balloo Road, Bangor, BT197PR, or via email to dps@education-ni.gov.uk

Coffee Morning

We held very successful Coffee Morning on 28th of September. Thank you to everyone who contributed, helped, baked, attended, and donated. We raised an incredible £ 705 which will be used to purchase new blinds for our classrooms.

Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council have been hard at work and are making great changes already. They hosted at our Coffee Morning and all the visitors remarked on their manners and friendliness. The children helped promote our vision for Integrated Education on the morning. They have set 4 targets to achieve by the end of the month and are well on their way to completing them all!

Cultural Workshop

Mr Donnelly's Class took part in a fantastic Cultural Workshop this month with the Northwest Migrants Forum. The children learned about a range of different cultures and countries before finishing the day by creating some Iranian Artwork. There will be a display of the children's work at the Diversity Sports Celebration Ceremony on the 13th of November. Further information about this exciting event will be provided in due course.