

Derrychrin Primary School

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Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

ULSTER FINAL 'Red & White Day'

All Cumann na mBunscol Primary Schools right across County Derry have been encouraged to host a 'Red & White Day' which took place today to show our support for the Derry Senior and Minor Football Teams before their Ulster Finals against Donegal and Tyrone respectively, this Sunday 29th May.

Everyone is getting into Ulster Final fever with flags, bunting and decorations up around the school and showing our support.

We would also like to wish our past pupils Gareth McKinless and Enda Muldoon all the best in the Senior Final and also to past pupil Tiernan Rocks along side his fellow Ballinderry club men Ruairi Forbes and Eoin McCracken who are on the Derry Minor squad.

GOOD LUCK Derry from everyone at Derrychrin PS!

Ballinderry Shamrocks U15 Camogs

Good luck to all the Ballinderry Shamrocks U15 Camogs and especially past pupils of Derrychrin PS who will take part in the regional Feile Na nGael in Mullingar Co. Westmeath this Saturday 28th May.

Both primary schools in the parish will make a donation in support of the team and their coaches.

Charity –Fundraising

Well done TO all the children and their families who raised a total of £200 for Macmillan Cancer earlier this year and also a total of £950 for Mary's Meal as part of our Lenten fundraiser.

Jill Stubbs from Macmillan Cancer and Pat McNeill and Sister Ita McKenna from Mary's Meals visited the school for our school council to present both cheques.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for the P5 pupils will finish on Wednesday 15th June. It was a great for all pupils in P5 to P7 to get the opportunity to return to swimming lessons and further develop their swimming skills. We have planned to continue this again in the new school year 2022/23

Activity NI and Gaelic Games After Schools Clubs

ACTIVITY NI after school clubs will finish for all pupils on **Tuesday 31st May**. It was brilliant to have a wide range of activities for all the P2-P7 children to experience and enjoy.

Gaelic Games after school clubs for the P4-P7 boys, girls football and camogie has now ended.

Thank you to all the teachers who delivered the sessions and accompanied them to sporting tournaments.



Pupil Home Collection

Home collection in the event of inclement weather conditions

- P1 & P2 pupils can be collected from the P1/P2 small playground.
- P3/P4/P6 pupils and children walking home will line up in school hall and exit via school hall doors next to staff car park.
- P5 and P7 pupils will line up on corridors outside their classrooms and exit via front reception door.
- Teaching staff will be at all exit points to assist with home collection and dismiss their class when a parent/guardian/authorised adult is there to collect their child/children
- There will be **NO** parking allowed in the staff car park area at home collection times. This area will remain coned off and kept free to allow the children to line up at the end of the school day. Parents/guardians are asked to collect their child/children and move swiftly to their vehicle with awareness of other adults and children in the playground area.
- Please inform all adults that collect your child/ children of these arrangements.

Outdoor Garden Area

Thank you to our ECO Schools team along their teacher Mrs Hassan and a special mention to Siobhan and Nikki who have the school looking lovely with the floral displays, hanging baskets, flower window boxes, flower pots on perimeter fence, planting of new shrubs and fruit plants.

In a previous newsletter, we informed you that the school along with our **ECO Council** have plans in place to develop our outdoor garden area. We outlined a number of objectives in an aerial plan that can be viewed on our school website.

This will also be part of our **ECO Council** action plan to maintain our 'Green Flag' status. These developments will provide the children with the opportunity to learn and play outside whatever the weather.

As part of our School Development Plan for the next three years, we aim to further develop our ECO garden area and an outdoor learning area in the P1 and P2 playground area. We have been informed that our poly tunnel will be installed at the beginning of June. We have had two parents who have offered to help sand a picnic bench each and another parent has willingly offered to paint all the benches and to add art designs. We are extremely grateful to these parents for their support. We are keen to avail of assistance from any other parents or family members who would be willing to offer help and advice with the following areas:


1. sand the three remaining picnic benches
2. make raised vegetable beds
3. power wash perimeter wall next to the road in preparation for return to school in September

If any parent or family member feel they can assist in any way, please contact the school office.



School Uniform

A review of the school uniform shorts has taken place due to non-uniform shorts being worn by pupils to school and feedback from parents and pupils highlighting that the current white shorts are very difficult to keep clean. Contact has been made with O'Neill's to design a pair similar to the school tracksuit bottoms. Please see attached flyer of our new school shorts. The new shorts will be available to purchase from O'Neill's Store Magherafelt for September 2022.



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School Trips

With all school trips booked for all pupils in June, please ensure that all trip money and consent slips are sent into the class teacher on or before Tuesday 31st May. Thank you

Thursday 16th June - P1 to P4 trip

Monday 20th June - P7 trip

Wednesday 22nd June - P5-P6 trip

School Calendar

Please continue to refer to the school calendar for all upcoming events and dates for your diary on the school website and the calendar tab on the Schools NI app on your mobile phone device.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please continue to refer to the calendar on the school website for all upcoming events and dates for your diary.

New P1 pupils Induction - Wednesday 15th June 2022

Aaron Devlin Memorial Tournament - Friday 17th June 2022

TEAMS FUN Sports Day - Tuesday 21st June 2022

Traditional Sports Day - Thursday 23rd June 2022

End of Year Mass / Prayer Service - Friday 24th June 2022

(10:45am Outdoor Prayer Service -P1-P7 pupils and P7 parents to attend.
P7 School Leavers presentation afterward in school hall.)

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Thursday 2nd June 2022 – Bank Holiday

Friday 3rd June – Bank Holiday

Monday 6th June – Staff Development Day

School will finish for all pupils **Tuesday 28th June at 11am** for the Summer Holidays.

