



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

## November 2022 Newsletter



**Parent – Teacher Meetings** – will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Meetings will be strictly 10mins in duration. A time slot has been allocated and will be sent out soon. If this does not suit, please let the school know asap.

The Primary School is closed to pupils on 25<sup>th</sup> November and the Nursery is closed on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Parish Children's Mass** - Thank you to the classes which have taken part in the monthly Masses to date. Thanks also to teachers and classroom assistants for their preparation and to parents for bringing children to church to participate. Many thanks also to Karen McElroy and Lisa McManus for their choir preparation sessions on Monday afternoons after school. The next Mass is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Attendance** - The school regularly monitors attendance as required by the Dept of Education. The Department has issued guidance on 'Absence Tiers' showing different levels of absence. Regular attendance = <1 day absent per month

At Risk Attendance = 1 - 2 days absent per month

Chronic absence = 2 - 3 days absent per month

Severe Chronic Absence = 4+ days per month

The school will be in contact with parents where absence is an ongoing issue; showing patterns of repeated absence and where no reason is given for absence.

**Lisnaskea Feis** - Our weekly assemblies have been busy presenting prizes in art, poetry and handwriting to children who were placed in the Lisnaskea Feis. Well done to all the children who took part. Results can be seen on the News section of our school website.

**Commemoration event** - The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of former Parish Priest Fr. McGonnell will take place in St Mary's Church, Maguiresbridge on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. This coincides with the anniversary of the opening of the church. On display in St. Mary's Church will be work from children in this school about the life of Fr McGonnell.

**Road Safety Week** - takes place 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November. Lessons will emphasis safety for walkers, cyclists and scooters.

**Maths Week Ireland** – Pupils took part in a range of enjoyable activities during the course of the week. Pictures can be seen on our school website.

**Flu vaccination** – will be administered in the school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Anti-bullying Week (14 – 18 Nov)** – The theme this year is ‘Let’s come together and **Reach Out** to stop bullying’. Teachers and pupils will be engaging in lessons and activities based on resources from the NI Anti-bullying Forum ([www.niabf.org.uk](http://www.niabf.org.uk))

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November is ‘Odd Socks Day’**. We encourage all children (and adults!) to wear odd socks on this day to highlight that it is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. We request that children bring £1 to school and this money will be forwarded to the Anti-Bullying Forum.

**Christmas Dinner** - will be served in the canteen on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Cost is £2.60.

**Regular fixtures in November:**

Monday	Choir	3 - 4pm
Tuesday	Musical Pathways	3MB, 3RF, 4DK, 4PH
	Irish Language	P5 - P7
	Speech and Language Therapist	
	Basketball	3 - 4pm
Wednesday	GAA Coach	Key Stage 2 classes
	Play Therapy	
Thursday	Clarinet tuition	
Friday	PE	P1 - P4
	Swimming	7PF