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The P6 and P7 pupils had a very informative morning at Brockaghboy Windfarm!

In addition, an ice cream van provided lovely ice cream for all the children on both the Glenullin site and the Tirkeeran site.

Huge thanks to Conor and Ramón and we look forward to further projects with them in the future.

## Drop Off and Collection of Children

Thank you to all parents for making our morning drop off such a success. Please note:

- Both sites are open from 8.30am - children should not be dropped off before 8.30am
- Please reverse cars into car parking bays at both sites
- Inter-site transport is available from Tirkeeran to Glenullin at 8.30am and from Glenullin Chapel car park to Tirkeeran at 8.45am

## Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held on **the afternoons of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Meetings will take place in the hall at the top site. Times have been sent via Dojo and meetings will last 10 minutes.

## P5 Assembly

P5 will perform their assembly for their parents on **Thursday 26 October**. This is a great opportunity for our wonderful P5 children to showcase their talents. We would ask that parents use the hand sanitisers on the way in.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society



As part of our Hallowe'en Dress Up day on **Friday 27 October**, we are asking each child to make a voluntary donation of £1 for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

In December we will have our Christmas Jumper Day when children can bring another £1.

Please note that these donations are voluntary, and parents should not feel under pressure to make the donation.

The local SVP are there to provide help to anyone in our parish who is struggling. If you need their help, then please call: 07563595868.

## Attendance

Pupils who have any sickness should remain at home until well enough to return to school.

## Use of Children's images - a reminder

*The school has a number of parents who have not given permission for their child's image to be used or reproduced by members of the public.*

## Song for the Month

The song for the month of October can be accessed via the you tube link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCKMaRwicSg>

### La chanson des squelettes



Quand la pendule sonne 1 heure  
Un grand squelette ouvre les yeux.



Quand la pendule sonne 2 heures  
Deux grands squelettes s'habillent en bleu.



Quand la pendule sonne 3 heures  
Trois grands squelettes maquillent leurs yeux.



Quand la pendule sonne 4 heures  
Quatre grands squelettes se brossent les cheveux.



Quand la pendule sonne 5 heures  
Cinq grands squelettes mangent des oeufs.



Quand la pendule sonne 6 heures  
Six grands squelettes jouent à un jeu.



Quand la pendule sonne 7 heures  
Sept grands squelettes dansent un peu.



Quand la pendule sonne 8 heures  
Huit grands squelettes marchent deux par deux.



Quand la pendule sonne 9 heures  
Neuf grands squelettes vont faire la queue.



Quand la pendule sonne 10 heures  
Dix grands squelettes reviennent chez eux.

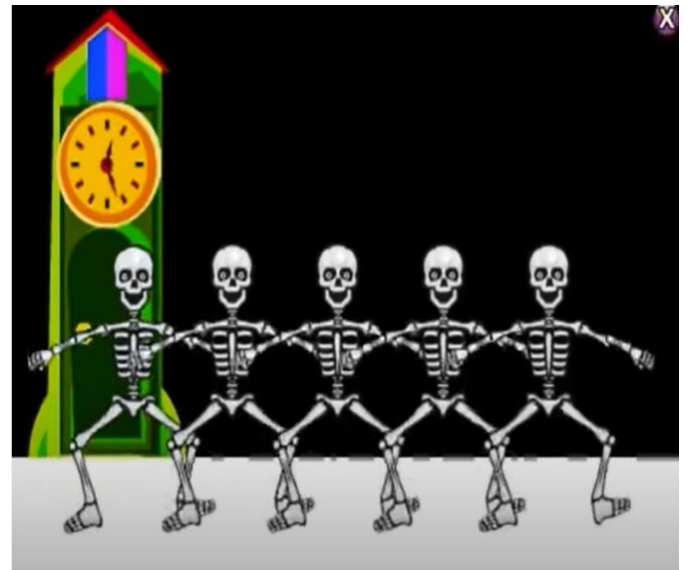


Quand la pendule sonnet 11 heures  
Onze grands squelettes se mettent au lit.



Quand la pendule sonne minuit  
Douze grands squelettes disent bonne nuit.

**POUMBI POUMBI POUMBIBI! POUMBI POUMBI POUMBIBI!**



## Grammar for the Month

Unnecessary use of 'so I did' / 'so I do'

I saw the dog, so I did.

**Incorrect**

I saw the dog.

✓ **Correct**

I like to play football, so I do

**Incorrect**

I like to play football

✓ **Correct**

## Irish for the Month

### An aimsir: The weather



Cad é mar atá an aimsir?	Ca jay mar ata an amshir?	What's the weather like?
Tá sé fuar	Ta shay fooir	It is cold
Tá sé te	Ta shay che	It is hot
Tá sé gaofar	Ta shay geefar	It is windy
Tá sé grianmhar	Ta shay grainwar	It is sunny
Tá sé ag cur fearthainne	Ta shay ag cur farhina	It is raining
Tá sé scamallach	Ta shay scamalach	It is cloudy
Tá sé ag cur sneachta	Ta shay ag cur snachta	It is snowing
Tá sé fliuch	Ta shay fluch	It is wet
Tá sé ceomhar	Ta shay kower	It is foggy



Irish can be accessed from <http://ceea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/piasch> and then click on Language and Literacy. Pupils can listen to the correct pronunciation of each instruction on this.



## Dates for Term One

Thursdays	Ongoing	Swimming for the P7 class
Wednesdays	Once a month	Adoration for P4-7
Thursdays	Ongoing	Library visits
Tuesday	17 October	P3 to visit Carrickfergus Castle
Mon -Thurs	23-26 October	Parent / teacher meetings
Friday	27 October	P5 Assembly
Monday - Friday	30 October - 3 November incl.	Hallowe'en holidays
Thursday	21 December	School closes at 12 noon
Thursday	4 January	School reopens.

## TOPICS

The children enjoy learning all about the world around them. In learning through their topics children are able to apply their learning and develop cross-curricular skills.



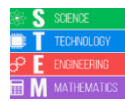
- Primary 1 - All About Me*
- Primary 2 - Wow Wee, Look at Me!*
- Primary 3 - Castles & Knights*
- Primary 4 - Mighty Me*
- Primary 5 - Where We Live*
- Primary 6 - Famine*
- Primary 7 - Rainforest*

## Library Visits

Each class will have the opportunity to visit Garvagh library between now and Christmas. This is a great support and enhances the excellent provision for reading in the school.

## Collection of Children from EA Bus

It is important to note that, according to the EA Transport policy, our school bus driver cannot let children off the bus unless a responsible adult is there to collect them.



## During/Afterschool Clubs



<b>Mondays</b>	5 Sept - 4 Nov	Choir P5 - P7 with Mrs Bradley & Mrs McGill
<b>Thursdays</b>	Starting 14 Sept	Gaelic with Andrena
<b>Thursdays 2-2.45pm</b>	21 Sept - 26 Oct	Foundation Fun Club for P1 & P2 Children should be picked up from the Tirkeeran site at 3pm unless travelling to Appletree's in the school bus
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8 - 22 Nov	Cookery Club with Miss Conway for P3 (Max 10)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	29 - 13 Dec	Second group Cookery Club for P3 (Max 10)
<b>Thursdays</b>	21 Sept - 26 Oct	Gaelic with Mr McCann for P4 & P5 boys
<b>Thursdays</b>	9 Nov - 14 Dec	Handball for P6 pupils with Mrs Ball
<b>Thursdays</b>	9 Nov - 14 Dec	Camogie with Mr McCann for P4 & P5 girls

## School Dinners and Free School Meals

School dinners cost **£2.60** per day, please send in an envelope. Please make cheques payable to the Education Authority.



The number of pupils who are on the free school meals' register affects the school budget. If you are in any doubt as to whether you are entitled to free dinners please complete a Free School Meals' form which is available via the EA's website, <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>, even if you do not wish your child to actually take dinner.

## Child Protection and Safeguarding.

Children are encouraged to share any worries with their parents, and in school with any adult. The school will remind children regularly that Mrs Ball (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), Mrs McCloy and Mrs Heron (Deputy Designated Teachers) are always available to handle any concerns.

## Mathletics

Mathletics is an excellent fun maths learning programme. Pupils thrive on the competitive element of obtaining points by competing against other pupils online or by completing tasks independently. Pupils are given appropriately levelled activities which are in line with the Northern Ireland Curriculum. 'Mathletics' will be used both in school and at home.

The cost per pupil is £5 (approximately 10p for 52 weeks / 25p if only used for 20 weeks) with a maximum payable of £15 per family. Parents who subscribe will ensure their child has access to unlimited tutorials for 52 weeks.

We would urge all parents, regardless of the age or ability of your child to support this initiative as we believe that it is a relatively inexpensive way of significantly improving your child's mathematical results.

### ***New Mathletics Certificate System***

Mathletics have recently updated their certificate system. There are now 8 certificate levels with 5 ranks within each certificate. This means that there are now 40 certificates in total that students can earn each academic year.

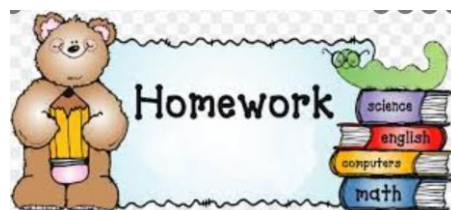
A certificate is earned by achieving 1000 points (or more) in a week. The Mathletics week starts from Monday morning and runs until midnight on Sunday evening.

The new certificate types are as follows:

- Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum,
- Emerald, Diamond, Epic and Legend

As a reward for their efforts and hard work, pupils will visit the shop when they achieve their 5th Platinum certificate and again when they achieve their 5th Legend certificate.

Certificates will now be reset each year, so that every year students have a chance of being able to achieve Legend status. We hope this will encourage pupils to engage with Mathletics regularly to ensure they are on track to earn the highest rewards possible.



We understand that on occasion it is virtually impossible and impracticable for your child to complete their homework. When this is the case simply send the teacher a dojo stating that, 'It is impractical for Sean to complete his homework tonight.'

No further explanation is necessary. It is optional if you the parent wants the child to complete the homework on a different night

## Allergies / Medical Needs

***As you are aware a number of children within the school are allergic to nuts and or eggs. As an anaphylactic reaction to these foods can be potentially life threatening we ask that all parents ensure that no nut products (e.g. Kinder eggs/ bars) or egg (such as egg sandwiches) be brought into the school.***

## Administering Medication



***If your child has a medical condition and required medication, please ensure the medication is in date.***



## Boomerang Lunches

***To encourage recycling and in order that parents can gauge what children have eaten for their lunch and break the school has a boomerang lunch policy. This means that all packaging or uneaten lunch will return home in the pupils' lunchboxes***