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P6 Assembly

P6 will perform their assembly for their parents on **Friday 18 October**. This is a great opportunity for our wonderful P6 children to showcase their talents. We would ask that parents use the hand sanitisers on the way in.

Parents' Association

The annual AGM will be held on Monday 7 October, at 8pm in the Tirkeeran site. Can we please encourage you to come along as the more parents who participate, the stronger our Parents' Association will be.

Drop Off and Collection of Children

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

- Please remember that supervision after 3pm is only available for the children getting the second bus.
- 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.

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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



As part of our Hallowe'en Dress Up day on **Friday 25 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.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held on **the afternoons of Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October**. Meetings will take place in the hall at the Glenullin site. Times have been sent via Dojo and meetings will last 10 minutes. Please make yourself familiar with the safeguarding and preventative curriculum policies prior to the parent meetings which can be found on the school website.

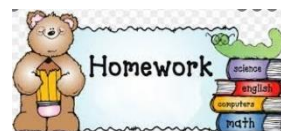
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P5 Assembly

P5 will perform their assembly for their parents on **Friday 15 November**. 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.

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.



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.

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.

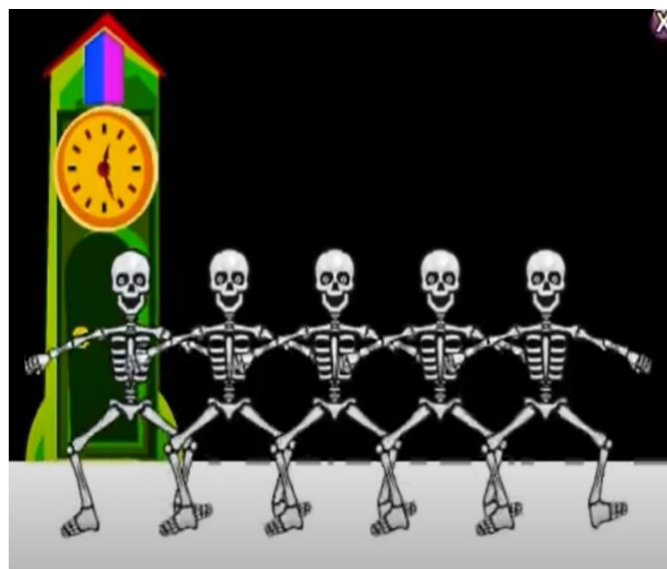


Quand la pendule sonnet 11 heures
Onze grands squelettes se mettent au lit.



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 foair	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://cea.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

Wednesdays	Ongoing	Swimming for the P7 class
Wednesdays	Ongoing	Gaelic with Johnny McGuckin
Wednesdays	Once a month	Adoration for P4-7
Thursdays	Ongoing	Library visits
Mon -Thurs	21-24 Oct	Parent / teacher meetings
Friday	25 October	Hallowe'en dress up day
Monday - Friday	28 Oct - 1 Nov incl.	Hallowe'en holidays
Friday	20 December	School closes at 12 noon
Friday	3 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 - There's No-one Quite like Me

Primary 2 - Wow Wee, Look at Me!

Primary 3 - Castles & Knights

Primary 4 - Autumn / Farming

Primary 5 - Where We Live

Primary 6 - Famine

Primary 7 - Rainforest

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.

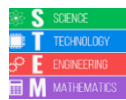
Administering Medication



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

Attendance

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



During/Afterschool Clubs



Mondays	16 Sept - 14 Oct	P4/5 camogie with Mrs McCloy 3-4pm
Tuesdays 2-3pm	17 Sept - 15 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
Wednesdays		Football for P6/7 boys with Johnny McGuckin 3-4pm
Thursdays	26 Sept - 17 Oct	P6/7 camogie with Mr McCann 3-4pm

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 Miss Conway (Deputy Designated Teachers) are always available to handle any concerns.



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.