

# Moneynick Primary School Prospectus

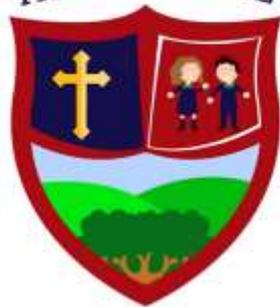


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PRIMARY SCHOOL



*"Share, Learn, Achieve"*

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# Words of Welcome

Welcome to Moneynick Primary School - a caring, inclusive community school focussed on and committed to every individual child. We wish to give you an insight into the life of our vibrant school community, and share with you the children's life in school; their curriculum, their friendships, their academic achievements, their sporting, cultural, artistic, spiritual and Shared Education experiences.

In Moneynick Primary School we have a dedicated staff who give each child the opportunity and support to grow and develop their talents and abilities, whilst catering for their needs. We encourage sharing with each other within and across our community as we prepare responsible young people for life, where all are acknowledged, valued and appreciated. Our overriding aim is to help children develop into mature, confident young adults who have a feeling of self-worth and importance. To do this it is essential that we work in partnership with parents and the wider community. Indeed the success of our school reflects respectful relationships between staff, pupils, parents and our community.

Our school community is an extension of the effective partnership we have with our parents. We offer a warm welcome to you and your child. Should you have any other questions please do not hesitate to visit the school and we would be delighted to show you and your child around. All Covid- 19 regulations and guidelines will be fully implemented when visiting.

**Fiona McConway**

Principal



## Mission Statement

We believe that each child is unique, with individual talents, abilities and needs. At Moneynick Primary, we strive to ensure that each child develops to the very best of their ability in a caring Catholic environment, producing responsible young people, prepared for life in society.

### Aims

We aim to develop for our children:

- a Catholic education with a broad and balanced curriculum, in an environment where Christian values are actively lived
- an awareness of their own talents, skills and abilities
- a love of learning, a knowledge of how to learn and the motivation to produce their best work
- self-esteem, independence and sensitivity to and respect for others
- an awareness of the world in which we live and a responsibility for the environment, both locally and globally
- tolerance, understanding and acceptance of other religions and cultures
- the ability to communicate effectively with all members of the school community



## **The Curriculum**

When planning our curriculum, we take into account the uniqueness of each child and their individual needs. Our pupils are encouraged to assist in the planning of new themes, promoting their Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities. We assist children in achieving their potential and in making informed and responsible decisions throughout their time in Moneynick.

## **The Learning Areas for the NI Curriculum**

- Language & Literacy
- Maths & Numeracy
- The World Around Us
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- The Arts



## Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage is comprised of Year 1 & 2. There is great emphasis on play and activity-based learning. Children consolidate personal, social and emotional development during these early years. They are encouraged to form relationships with adults and other children and to develop their self-esteem and confidence. Teachers help pupils to become aware of the world beyond their immediate environment and to learn about others from a basis of tolerance, respect and open-mindedness.

With this in mind we encourage sharing within our immediate classroom environment and in Term 3 of Year 1, we begin sharing with our partner school, Duneane Primary. During weekly shared lessons we encourage children to understand similarities and respect differences in our neighbours as well as our own classmates.



## Key Stage 1&2

Key Stage 1 is comprised of Year 3 & 4 and Key Stage 2 is comprised of Year 5, 6 & 7. The learning areas of the curriculum taught in school are connected in as many ways as possible. Pupils need to be motivated to learn and they need to see the relevance of and connections, in what they are learning. We encourage pupils to become involved in the planning of themes, through a series of carousel activities at the beginning of each topic. This involves our pupils in 'what' they will learn and helps plan a tailored approach to 'how' they will learn it. It also provides specific learning opportunities for class teaching.



## Blended Learning

**Blended Learning** takes place when the learning activity is structured to blend face-to-face teaching and learning with remote/online learning, this may involve using digital tools and other educational resources. At Moneynick Primary School we have a number of online platforms to consolidate, reinforce and enhance learning in school. Children have unique, individual passwords for each platform. Teachers set weekly tasks which are completed online. When necessary, communication between teachers and pupils can be facilitated on the online remote platforms. Pupils online work is celebrated each month through remote learning certificates.



## Skills for Life

Opportunities for life skills are built into many areas of our school planning. One example of this is Heart Start. During our annual Heart Start week in Term 3, our children learn Heart Start skills, from basics skills in Year 1 to CPR in Years 6 & 7.

The Cycling Proficiency Scheme is taught to our Year 6 & 7 pupils. The scheme teaches children who can already ride a bicycle, how to do so more safely. It covers what to wear, bicycle maintenance and rules of the road - an invaluable experience!



## Accelerated Reader

In Years 4 to 7 we use the Accelerated Reader programme. Children take regular Star Reading Tests which level their reading. They choose from a range of levelled reading books to improve their independent reading. When they finish each book they take a quiz on an iPad, which provides them with points, feedback and an incentive to choose their next book. This programme keeps our pupils engaged with reading and is a valuable resource. Reading is also promoted through other school initiatives for example the School Book Fair and our Reindeer Read-a-thon.



## Support for Educational Needs

We have a carefully devised system of screening to detect children who need support at the earliest opportunity. The Special Needs Co-ordinator works closely with teacher, pupil and classroom assistant to put in place a programme of reasonable adjustment. Under the SEN Code of Practice, communication between school and home is vital. We work in partnership with various outside agencies; RISE, the School Educational Psychology Service, the ASD and Literacy Support Service.

## Home School Links

Partnership with parents is invaluable. We value your contribution to your child's learning through homework support. You can add value to your child's education by ensuring that reading, spellings, tables and mental maths homeworks are completed to a high standard.

We hold annual parent-teacher meetings in October. During these meetings your child's progress is discussed and teachers will give good advice as to how you can help your child make further improvements. We report to parents in writing in the summer term by means of the Annual Report to Parents.

Parents are free to contact the school at any time, to make an appointment to speak to their child's class teacher. We are happy to help.



## Newcomer Children

We welcome children from other countries with different languages, cultures and religions. They enrich the diversity of our school and our cultural perspectives. It is important that all children feel at home in Moneynick and are supported as they get used to their new surroundings and to learning a language. We support the dignity of any individual who enters the doors of our school and ensure that our school is a safe haven for them. Every September we celebrate European Languages' Day to put a Global perspective on our world and celebrate our different cultures.

## Approach to Learning

Our teachers use different pedagogical approaches to give pupils a range of learning experiences. These include active learning methods, which are informed by Assessment for Learning strategies. Children learn best when a kinaesthetic teaching approach is taken and learning intentions are shared with them. They are given the opportunity to work independently, in pairs, in groups and as a class.

Through our strong partnership with parents, we encourage consolidation of class work in the form of suitable homework, which includes written Numeracy and Literacy, reading, spelling and mental maths.

## ICT

Each class has use of iPads, laptops and computers to develop pupils' ICT skills to encourage them to:

- handle and communicate information
- explore, express and exchange
- exchange and exhibit their work
- be creative through the use of film, animation and coding.



## Safeguarding & Child Protection

We at Moneynick Primary have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of our pupils. It is our duty to act on any area of concern. We aim:

- to ensure that the growth of our children will be fostered in a secure environment, where Christian values are actively lived
- to promote the self-esteem of pupils and staff
- to help pupils recognise unwelcome behaviour in others and to acquire the skills they need to keep themselves safe

A leaflet on Child Protection is distributed to parents every two years. The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Mallon and the Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs McConway.



## Pastoral Care

In Moneynick we are committed to providing an environment in which the teachings of Christ are actively lived. Each child is valued as unique, with distinct talents and is encouraged to be an individual. We teach our children all about tolerance, diversity and respect for others and this is embedded in our school ethos.



## Positive Behaviour

The staff of the school encourage children to behave in a positive spirit of co-operation, showing respect for others and themselves. The Positive Behaviour Policy in our school is there to safeguard your child's right to learn and the teacher's right to teach.



## Anti-Bullying

Every November we take part in Anti-Bullying Week. We wear Odd Socks to school to show support and we encourage our pupils to be individuals by saying **NO** to bullying. Online Bullying is always to the fore and will be highlighted on Internet Safety Day Tuesday 9 February 2021 when we will explore the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'.



## Rights Respecting School

In our small and secure school community, children are very much involved in looking after each other with 'Prefect' and 'Buddy' systems working in tandem. We are a Rights Respecting School and have received our Silver Award. We are now aiming for our Gold Award. Our School Council members have been elected by their classmates. They help to promote Children's Rights throughout the school and bring the concerns, issues and ideas of their peers to the principal, at regular meetings. Every classroom has a Charter, which the pupils have devised and all children are aware of the UNICEF Rights of the Child.



## Sustrans Rural School Award

As a rural school we are involved in this exciting new initiative as part of the Active School Travel Programme. Through the programme we have increased our awareness of the benefits of active travel, developed a deeper understanding of road safety and actively prepared and planned journeys. As part of the initiative we have completed activities for example, Ditch the Stabilisers and participation in the Daily Mile.



## Eco School

At Moneynick Primary School we care deeply about environmental issues and wish to make a positive change in the environment around us. The Eco-Schools programme provides an ideal way for fostering environmental awareness throughout the entire school in a way that links to many curriculum subjects. The primary aim of the Eco-Schools programme is to educate and empower young people to make positive decisions and become change makers for an environmentally sustainable world. We achieved our Green Flag, an internationally acknowledged symbol for environmental excellence in January 2020. This was a proud moment for all our pupils as they worked together to achieve this prestigious award. The flag symbolises and celebrates our amazing work.





## GAA 5 Star Centre Initiative

We have achieved our GAA 5 Star Centre Flag. Children will continue to work on a daily basis improving skills in the following areas: Have a Ball, Fun & Run, Catch & Kick, Skill Challenge and Go Games.

### Sports

We offer swimming to Year 5-7 pupils every week, all year round in Antrim Forum. We endeavour to ensure that our children leave Moneynick as competent swimmers and we celebrate their successes.

Children in Years 1 to 7 receive Gaelic football, camogie and hurling training during the year from a Gaelic coach. We are committed to 10 mins a day skills training through the GAA 5 Star Centre Initiative. Children in KS2 also participate in Soccer, Cheerleading and or Netball from Antrim Active Communities.

Pupils in Years 1 to 3 attend Fun Days organised by Gaelic coaches which they enjoy. Moneynick footballers, camogie players and hurlers participate in the Cumann na mBunscol Leagues.



## The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile was founded by Elaine Wyllie and is about improving the health and well-being of children. The benefits they gain are physical, emotional, social and mental, all from running, or jogging at their own pace, for 15 minutes daily.

Duneane and Moneynick: Partners in Learning were invited to attend Stranmillis University Belfast on Friday 14 February 2020 to present as the 'Priority Schools' for the launch of the Daily Mile in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation - Love your Heart Campaign.

To prepare for the launch of The Daily Mile in Stranmillis, the Learning Partnership launched their own 'Daily Mile' to build up pupils' confidence, resilience and endurance, ensuring they could achieve their personal best on Friday 14 February at Stranmillis University. At Moneynick Primary School pupils continue to run, jog or walk the Daily Mile, 3 times weekly either in the morning (before class begins) or at break time, weather permitting. The Daily Mile also works in Partnership with Eco-Schools NI and Sustrans. Connecting learning is a key strength of our school.



## Music & Drama

Children from Year 3 to 7 are provided with violin and guitar lessons and have the opportunity to complete music exams. Every year the school produces a Christmas Show, in which all of our pupils take part. Pupils in Year 4 to 7 can join the school choir and can also choose to take part in our Joint Choir with Duneane. This year pupils in Primary 1-3 are working with Jo Jingles as part of the Wellness Programme within School. Mindful Music helps pupils express their feelings and allows them to relax and unwind.

Every year we engage with outside groups, such as the Centre Stage Production Company to provide a Drama Afterschool Club. During this club, children explore their creativity in Performing Arts through singing, dancing, acting and games.



## Parish Links

We share close links with Duneane Parish and celebrate our Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in Sacred Heart Church, Cargin. Our Parish Priest, Fr McWilliams visits our school regularly. Confirmation for Year 7 pupils occurs in Term 2 and our school choir joins with the other primary school choirs for this occasion.



## Charity Involvement

Every year we reach out to a number of charities. We feel this is an important element of Global Learning for our pupils and encourages empathy and respect for those who are less fortunate than us. The charities we are currently involved with are: Trocaire, St Vincent de Paul, Autism NI and Wear it Pink. Through our Grow in Love Religious programme and our themes in PDMU, there is further emphasis on loving our neighbours and our world.





## The Outdoors

We have attractive grounds around our school. There is a front garden area for which the children are responsible. They take great pride in their garden. In the past the school has won Shell Best Kept School, as a result of efforts made by children, staff and parents. Children can get involved in the Gardening Club, where they can develop their ecological skills by learning how to grow and nurture plants and flowers. They can join our Forest Schools Club where they explore the outdoors using their senses, which is fundamental for encouraging creative, diverse and imaginative play. We have won awards at Garden Show Ireland, for the design of creative gardening projects. We are also received the Northern Ireland Eco-School Flag in January 2020.



## Outdoor Classroom Day

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of their childhood. We partner with many organisations who facilitate opportunities to explore the outdoor classroom.



## **Wrap Around Care**

For many years we have offered Wrap Around Care to the families of Moneynick. The Clubs are both stimulating and fun for our children.

## **Breakfast Club**

**Opening Hours: 7.45 to 8.45 am Monday to Friday**

Children attending the Breakfast Club are encouraged to make their own breakfast and help with the washing-up. They can take part in activities such as puzzles, art & craft, monkey bars and outdoor play, weather depending. From time to time there are Breakfast Club fun mornings with treats provided, such as fill your own pancake or fruit kebabs.



## **After School Club**

**Opening Hours: 2.00 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

The Afterschool Club provides our pupils with a healthy snack and plentiful activities. They can take part in Clubs such as Forest Schools, Gardening, Drama, Art and Film Club. Children have access to the monkey bars in the school hall and when the weather is fine they play outdoors in the playpark and school grounds. Annually the Afterschool Club runs a Popcorn Party at Christmas time. This event is always well attended and lots of fun!



## Duneane & Moneynick: Partners in Learning

Moneynick has long established and very successful links with Duneane Primary School. We are leading the way in Shared Education. Every Monday and Tuesday our children come together to share lessons. They enjoy a range of educational experiences which foster acceptance and understanding of one another's cultural identity. We also bring our parents together and the two schools' Parents' Associations have joint events to raise funds. Our Governors have annual joint training and are fully supportive of the partnership. The Minister for Education visited our partnership and commended the principals, staff and pupils for all the collaboration.

Due to Covid -19 restrictions our pupils can not meet, however from January 2021 our partnership will go virtual. Pupils will embark on a new adventure meeting online to share their work under the guidance of staff.



# General Information

The teaching staff of the school are employed by the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS). There are three full-time teachers and one part-time teacher.

Principal	Mrs F McConway
Teaching Staff	
Y1/2/3	Mrs O Mallon
Y4/5	Mrs C Johnston & Mrs F McConway
Y6/7	Mrs E Lavery
Auxiliary Staff	
School Secretary	Mrs R Dobbin
Building Supervisor	Mrs J Lebedera Jasiuliene
Cleaning Assistant	Mrs J Lebedera Jasiuliene
Classroom Assistants	Mrs V Craig Mrs M O'Neill Miss K Barnes Miss B McAuley
Supervisory Assistants	Mrs V Craig Miss K Barnes
Dinner Supervisors	Mrs C O'Neill Mrs M O'Neill
Afterschool Club Supervisor	Mrs V Craig
Breakfast Club Supervisor	Miss K Barnes



# The School Day

## School Begins: 9:00 am

Children may arrive from 8:45 am  
(or 7:45 am to the Breakfast Club)

## Break Time: 10:45 – 11:00am

See Healthy Breaks

Children play outdoors if the weather is fine

## Lunch Time: 12:15 – 1:00 pm

See Dinners & Lunches

Children play outdoors if the weather is fine

## School Finishes:

**Y1 & Y2 – 2:00pm**

**Y3 to Y7 – 3:00pm**

**Y1 to Y7 – 2:00pm on Friday**

Times have been changed due to Covid-19 regulations. Lunch and Break times are currently staggered to allow children to remain within their class bubbles.

## Healthy Breaks

We operate a Healthy Break Scheme in which children are encouraged to participate. We provide a selection of hot toast, pancakes and muffins and a variety of fruit. We encourage drinking water, throughout the school day.

## Dinners & Lunches

Dinner may be purchased at a cost of £2.60 per meal. This price is set by the Education Authority. The meals are bussed into school from Antrim Primary Meals Kitchen and are of good quality. Children take packed lunches or dinners in our school hall. They are encouraged to eat a healthy lunch, which should include a sandwich and fruit. Currently children eat in their classrooms due to Covid-19 regulations.

## Allergies

Please be aware that there are children at our school with nut allergies. Your child's packed lunch should not contain anything that could cause harm to another child. Moneynick Primary is a NUT FREE ZONE!





## School Uniforms

All children attending Moneynick Primary School are encouraged to wear full school uniform, which we feel reflects the uniqueness of our school.

### Dress Code

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in an appropriate manner. We suggest the following regarding hair and jewellery:

#### Girls

- Long hair should be tied back
- Watch and one pair of stud earrings
- NO bracelets, necklaces or rings

#### Boys

- Hair should be short and neat
- Watch
- NO bracelets, necklaces or rings

Girls	Boys
Navy sweat-shirt/cardigan with logo	Navy sweatshirt with logo
Green polo shirt	Green polo shirt
Navy pinafore, skirt or trousers	Navy trousers/shorts
Navy/black shoes	Navy/black shoes
Navy/white tights or	

A school waterproof jacket, fleece and hat are also available. Sports gear should be worn on designated PE days only.

**Uniform Suppliers:** Select Kidz, Unit 12,  
The Diamond Centre,  
Magherafelt, BT45 6ED  
Tel: 028 79301401





## Friends of Moneynick

Moneynick Primary School receives tremendous support from its parents, friends and staff members. The Friends of Moneynick organise activities during the year, in order to raise funds for our school. Friends of Moneynick are linked to 'The Giving Machine'. When shopping on-line every purchase you make via 'The Giving Machine' will generate a donation to the Friends of Moneynick. It takes two minutes to register and costs you nothing.

This year the Friends of Moneynick have been a vital support network as we returned to school. They provided additional PPE, class resources and funding to support our online apps. Moneynick Primary School appreciates the support of our school community.

Friends of Moneynick are always looking for new members with fresh ideas - so come along to our meetings! Everyone Welcome!





School Council Remote Meeting

## School Council 2020/21



Christmas Card Collection

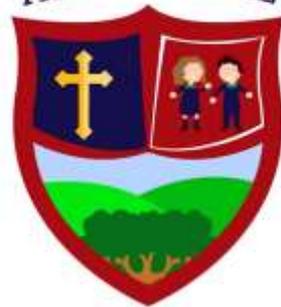


## **Charging & Remissions Policy**

In line with the requirements of the Northern Ireland Education Reform Order 1989, it is the policy of the Board of Governors to:

- maintain the right to free school education for all pupils
- confirm its right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school
- make charges in respect of optional extras

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