

# Moneynick Primary School

## Newsletter

### January 2020



## Dates To Remember

<b>Wednesday 8 January</b>	<b>Confirmation Meeting</b> St Oliver Plunkett's PS at 7pm
<b>Thursday 9 January</b>	<b>Online Admissions Support</b> Prospective P1 parents welcome 9am - 12 noon
<b>Monday 13 January</b>	<b>Izak9 Training for Staff</b> Early closure at 12 noon
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b>	<b>Service of Light- Mass of Commitment</b> St Oliver Plunkett's Church at 7pm
<b>Thursday 16 January</b>	<b>Ditch the Dark Day</b>
<b>Friday 17 January</b>	<b>Launch of The Daily Mile (TDM)</b> The Canal Walk Toome at 1pm
<b>Monday 20 January</b>	<b>Shared Classes Term 2</b>
<b>Monday 20 January</b>	<b>Shared Choir in Duneane</b>
<b>Monday 20 January</b>	<b>Izak9 Training for Parents</b> Moneynick Primary School at 7pm
<b>Tuesday 21 January</b>	<b>Swimming begins for P5-7</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 January</b>	<b>Confirmation Confessions</b> St Oliver Plunkett's Church at 7pm
<b>Thursday 23 January</b>	<b>Fire Safety Visit P4/5</b>
<b>Monday 27 January</b>	<b>Catholic Schools' Week</b>
<b>Monday 27 January</b>	<b>Confirmation Practice</b> St Oliver Plunkett's Church at 9:45am
<b>Tuesday 28 January</b>	<b>Big Bird Watch P1-3</b>
<b>Wednesday 29 January</b>	<b>Confirmation</b> Saint Oliver Plunkett's Church at 11am
<b>Thursday 30 January</b>	<b>Online Admissions Close 12:00 noon</b>
<b>Friday 31 January</b>	<b>Pupil of the Month</b>
<b>Friday 31 January</b>	<b>Grandparents' Day at 12:30 pm</b>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation. We will celebrate 'Living in Harmony' with God, our neighbours, all generations, with the earth and our Catholic Schools.



This is also a week in which we celebrate the contribution of grandparents within our families and our school community.

Our grandparents are invited to our Grandparents' Assembly on Friday 31 January 2020 at 12:30pm. After our assembly our grandparents are invited to stay for refreshments and a chat with their grandchildren. Any pupil who wishes to go home with their grandparent may do so after the assembly.



There will be no school dinners on Friday 31 January. All pupils should bring a packed lunch to accommodate preparation for our special assembly. All pupils should wear their full school uniform.

We would love to start a Crochet Club for our P5-7 pupils in the coming months.

This is a beautiful tradition to pass on to the next generations and it would provide an opportunity for all generations to work together, with a view to entering small pieces of crochet work into the Feis na Gleann.

Any grandparent or parent interested in helping with the crochet club please contact the school.



## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Mathematics and Shared Education

Our focus for Term 2 will concentrate on the introduction of Izak9 cubes into our shared lessons. Izak9 is a unique and innovative resource in the teaching and learning of mathematics. It is an immersive, multimedia rich, active learning device designed to challenge pupils' problem solving and thinking skills.



Staff Training will take place on Monday 13 January. All children will leave school at 12 noon. There will be no dinners, buses or after school clubs. All parents are invited to attend an Izak9 Parents' Information Evening on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Moneynick. This will be an opportunity to relate to the theory and concepts behind the cubes and take part in mathematics problem solving and thinking skills.

### ICT

The development of ICT is also a School priority. We want all our pupils to be properly equipped with the relevant ICT skills, knowledge and experiences which will allow them to be successful contributors to a modern society.

Our Staff Development Day January 6<sup>th</sup> focussed on our e-safety and ICT policy and highlighted the progression of 'Film and Animation' throughout the school.

During Term 2 pupils will create a story board, setting and animation linked to their theme. They will evaluate their work, highlighting positive aspects and areas they would change or develop. We look forward to their creative animations.



## SHARED LESSONS

Shared lessons for Term 2 begin on Monday 20 January in Duneane and Tuesday 21 January in Moneynick. Mrs McConway will facilitate all the Shared Lessons on the Moneynick Campus, where she will work with Primary 2-4 developing mathematic thinking and problem solving using a very valuable mathematics resource 'numicon'. Mrs Cathy Anderson will lead Play Based Learning for our Primary 1 pupils and Izak9 problem solving activities with P5-7. The Shared Education Timetable for Term 2 is available at [www.moneynickps.com](http://www.moneynickps.com)



## Shared Choir

The Duneane and Moneynick Partners in Learning Shared Choir will commence on Monday 20 January. P4 - 7 pupils will leave Moneynick to begin choir practice at 2:45pm. All pupils should be lifted from Duneane Primary School at 3:30pm.

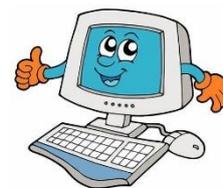
## SUSTRANS

We are currently working towards the Sustrans Rural School Award. With the support of our Sustrans Active Travel Officer, Johnny, we will work together to raise awareness of the benefits of active travel, help our pupils understand road safety and provide opportunities to get active. Our Term 2 school programme begins with 'Ditch the Dark Day' on Thursday 16 January. All pupils and staff are encouraged to wear fluorescent and or reflective clothing to school over their uniform. Johnny will lead a school assembly on the importance of wearing reflective clothing. Go on 'Ditch the Dark!' Sustrans are also an active sponsor of The Daily Mile. Johnny will be present at the launch of The Daily Mile on Friday 17 January.



## SAFEGUARDING/ ON-LINE SAFETY

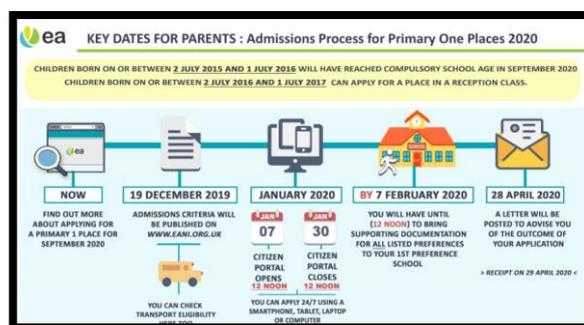
This month we have added a new section onto our website. The online safety section will be an opportunity for both school and parents to work together to ensure online safety for all our pupils. We have uploaded to the Online Safety section (within Curriculum, hover over the ICT link and Click Online safety) information about screen addition and the appropriate age level for popular apps. These are issues that are debated in the media and in homes across the country. We hope you find the information useful especially with the gifts that may have been received at this time of year.



## PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT 2020

Admissions criteria is now available for children starting P1 in September 2020. All forms are published on the EA website. [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)

The portal opens on 7th January 2020 at 12noon and closes on 30th January 2020 at 12noon You can apply 24/7 using a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer.



## TEMPORARY STAFFING

From Tuesday 7 January Mrs Fiona McConway and Mrs Siobhan Harvey will teach P1-3. Mrs Cathy Johnston will teach P4-5. Mrs Eimear Lavery will teach P6-7.

## THE DAILY MILE

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

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.

To prepare, the Learning Partnership are launching our own 'Daily Mile' to build up pupils' confidence, resilience and endurance, ensuring we can achieve our personal best on Friday 14 February at Stranmillis University.



On **Friday 17 January at 1pm** all Duneane and Moneynick pupils and staff will meet at The Canal Walk to commence the launch of the Daily Mile. Parents and family members are invited to meet the pupils to run, jog or walk the one mile around the canal path. The pupils will then receive a complimentary drink and biscuit at the Lock Keeper's Cottage before leaving with their parents or family members. Dr Brenda McKay - Redmond and Dr Barbara Mc Connell from Stranmillis University Belfast will attend the launch. To accommodate media photos all children should wear their school uniform, appropriate footwear and/or outer garments, depending on the weather.

To ensure children's safety the car parking facilities at the Lock Keeper's Cottage will be restricted to bus only. As there may be a high volume of vehicles, parents should park in Saint Oliver Plunkett's Chapel Carpark and proceed on foot to the Canal Walk, where you will meet your child or children at 1pm. Please ensure children are supervised on their way back to the car as Toome is a very busy village especially on a Friday evening. Before leaving please inform the class teacher.

Pupils will continue to run, jog or walk the Daily Mile during school hours. Pupils will wear their uniforms however they can bring a change of footwear. Information about the official launch on Friday 14 February will follow in the coming weeks.

Our pupils do not need to bring their school bags on Friday 17 January.

### P.E Update



GAA training and skills development will continue on Wednesday morning led by our school coach. The reinforcement and consolidation of the GAA skills will then be completed on a Friday. All pupils should attend in PE clothing on a Wednesday and Friday except Friday 17 and 31 of January. The swimming pool is currently closed for refurbishment. Swimming will commence on Tuesday 21 January. All pupils will participate in The Daily Mile 3 times weekly (during their allocated break times). Days and times will vary depending on weather and classes.

**“Share, Learn, Achieve”**