

Moneynick Primary School

Newsletter

February 2020



Dates To Remember

Monday 3 February	PSNI Safer Internet Talk P4-7 Pupils PSNI Safer Internet Talk (Parents) 2-3pm Duneane Primary School
Monday 3 February	Credit Union Quiz
Tuesday 4 February	Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 6 February	Friends of Moneynick AGM
Monday 10 February	Vigil Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Our Lady of Lourdes Moneyglass at 7:30pm
Tuesday 11 February	Last day of Book Fair
Tuesday 11 February	'Wear it Pink' or 'Wear it Blue' Day
Friday 14 February	Launch of The Daily Mile Stranmillis University Belfast
Monday 17- Friday 21 February	Mid Term Break
Monday 24 February	Shared Choir in Duneane Sustrans - Ditch the Stabilisers
Tuesday 25 February	First Confessions Meeting Saint Oliver Plunkett's Primary School at 7pm
Friday 28 February	Pupil of the Month
Friday 28 February	30 Club Draw 2

Confirmation

All staff and pupils wish to extend a big congratulations to all the pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 29 January 2020. May the Holy Spirit guide you and protect you!



Come,
Holy
Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be
created,
and you shall renew the face of the
earth.
Amen.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: **Together for a better internet.**

Co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and the wider community, to join in helping to create a better internet. We all must play a part!

Through internet safety lessons and videos, we will discuss with our P1-3 pupils how we can create an internet where we are....

- **Free to be ourselves**

Be proud of all the things that we enjoy and keep on trying different things too. If there are new activities that we want to do online, ask an adult first to help - to check they're ok.

- **Free to be kind**

Remember, the rules that we follow every day in real life also apply when we're on the internet. It's important to treat other people the way that you would like to be treated and always think about their feelings.

- **Free to play**

It's important that our parents and carers know what we enjoy doing online, so that they can help when we need it. Using the internet together as a family is fun.

- **Free to be safe**

Some parts of our identity must stay private. This is our 'personal information' - which includes our name, date of birth, home address, school address, email address and passwords.

- **Free to talk**



If anyone, or anything, online makes you feel worried, upset or uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult straight away. The sooner someone knows how you feel, the sooner you can be helped.

Our P4-7 lessons will focus on how we can create an internet where we are....



- **Free to be creative**

The internet is a great place to experiment with how to represent yourself. Whether that is using filters or emojis or giving your avatar wings and green hair in a game, remember to have fun and use the internet to release your inner creativity!

- **Free to be different**

The internet allows us to find more of the things we like or relate to, but it's also a place where we can learn about people who are different to us. The internet can be a great place to express the things that make you special or unique. Let's celebrate the fact that so many different people are using it!

- **Free to feel safe**

Always keep your personal information safe online. There are lots of ways you can express yourself without giving this away. Remember that other people online may not always be who they appear to be, so be sure to check with an adult if you are ever unsure about what to share.

- **Free to expect respect**

If someone is treating you or your friends unkindly online, or not respecting you for who you are, you can use the block and report buttons to take positive action to stop it, and make sure you tell someone too.

- **Free to ask for help**

If you are ever unsure about something you see online, or anything makes you feel worried, upset or confused then ask an adult that you trust for some help and advice.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a key issue for our school. Please find enclosed an up to date Child Protection Brochure. If anyone has a concern, please read the brochure and follow the procedures. A guide to a better digital life 'Digital Parenting' has been included as guide on how we safeguard our children online.

This month we have added into the online safety section an internet safety plan and conversation starters for discussion at home. To access the Online Safety section; click on Curriculum, hover over the ICT link and Click Online Safety. Further information for parents about Safer Internet Day can be located at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID2020>

Duneane and Moneynick: Partners in Learning



In preparation for Safer Internet Day, a PSNI Officer will visit P4-7 pupils on Monday 3 February to reinforce the important message of how to stay safe online. A workshop for all parents will commence at 2pm in Duneane Primary School. Internet safety is connected directly to **Articles 16** and **17** of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Article 16: You have the right to privacy.

Article 17: You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

Friends of Moneynick



The Friends of Moneynick would like to express their gratitude for your continued support. Everyone is invited to attend the **AGM on Thursday 6 January at 7pm in Moneynick Primary School**. Come along make a difference to our school community.

The Daily Mile



Duneane and Moneynick: Partners in Learning will attend Stranmillis University Belfast on Friday 14 February to present as the 'Priority Schools' 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.

Please complete the consent forms and return them to school on or before Friday 7 February.

Centenary Celebrations

The pupils, parents and staff of Moneynick Primary School are invited to a Vigil Mass on Monday 10 February at 7:30pm to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. The pupils have also prepared beautiful artwork that will be on display during the centenary celebrations. All children will receive a special pair of Rosary beads to commemorate this special occasion.



The Travelling Book Fair



To celebrate World Book Day The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school from the Tuesday 4 February until Tuesday 11 February. Pupils have a leaflet advertising various titles that can be purchased. If a book is unavailable, please contact a member of staff to ensure that the book is ordered. The Book Fair will be opened from 8:30 to 9:00am each morning and from 2pm - 3:15pm each afternoon (except Friday). The book fair is also beneficial to our school community as there is a small commission on the final total to spend on reading books. All the commission received this year will purchase class novels for Primary 3-7.

Sustrans



We are currently working towards the Sustrans Rural School Award. Our Term 2 school programme continues with 'Ditch the Stabilisers' on **Monday 24 February**. If appropriate, please complete the application form and return to school before Friday 7 February to book your place. A parent or adult must attend the session with the child.



'WEAR IT PINK' or 'WEAR IT BLUE'

On Tuesday 11 February we will celebrate World Cancer Day. World Cancer Day was established by the Paris Charter adopted at the World Summit Against Cancer (2000). The Charter promotes research for curing and preventing cancer, upgrading services provided to patients and the mobilisation of the global community against cancer. Through **Rights Respecting Schools** our pupils are learning about **Article 24**: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well. To promote **Article 24** in Moneynick Primary School: we provide our pupils with a healthy break, water, daily exercise and information on how to stay well. We also have the responsibility to inform our pupils of how they can prevent disease and how others are researching to find cures to help our health. During 'Wear it Pink' or 'Wear it Blue' Day we encourage all pupils to wear pink or blue to show support for those who support cancer services and research. A contribution of £1 each would be greatly received and forwarded to Cancer Fund for Children from the pupils of Moneynick Primary School.



"Share, Learn, Achieve"