**ST EUGENE’S P.S.**



**October 2024**

**Newsletter**

**HALLOWEEN DRESSING UP!**

We are looking forward to two fundays in school as we approach the Hallowe’en break. We are dressing up tomorrow and we will have an assembly to see all of the outfits.

In the afternoon our children in Primary 3 – 7 will walk to the NWRC to see a show, ‘The Legend of Hauntingdon Manor’. Primary 1 and Primary 2 will have the opportunity to participate in some Hallowe’en activities and dancing while the other children are out. Who knows what they’ll get up to!!!

Our Choir will be taking in part in ‘The Big Sing’ tomorrow morning as part of the 12th City of Derry International Choir Festival. Miss McNutt and Miss Barbour will accompany the children and will then bring them to the NWRC to see the show.

On Thursday evening we will have our first St. Eugene’s Evening Spooktacular Walk in Brooke Park. Families and friends are invited to accompany the children. We are sure to have fun and the children will bring their lanterns along to create a spooky atmosphere.

On Friday we’ll have our Colour Run, please remember to send your child to school in old clothes and make the class teacher aware of any allergies your child may have to the coloured powder.

**NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE**

We are excited to launch our new school website this month. This will enable us to maintain excellent home-school links. It is a great way to celebrate our children’s achievements and success. You will be able to get glimpses into the wonderful teaching and learning that is ongoing within each class throughout the school.

**WRAPAROUND**

We now have Breakfast Club, Library Club, Nurture Club and Music Practice all taking place before 9am!!

Mandarin Language Club on Wednesdays and Bollywood Dance Class on Thursdays and both run from 3 –4 pm.

On Wednesday 6 November we will have Tin Whistle tuition beginning for Primary 4 – 7 during school hours.

Ryan McBride Football and Ballymoor Football Club provide us with coaches to instruct the children in Primary 4,5, 6 and 7 in football skills. Derry & District Development League have given the boys and girls in Primary 5, 6 and 7 the opportunity to represent our school. They have put in some outstanding performances over the last four weeks, and we look forward to their continued success.

**REMINDERS**

Thank you to all families who have co-operated so well with the new entry and exit arrangements. These arrangements are in place to ensure the safety of all children in our school.

Please be mindful of the need for care and attention while driving in the Cathedral grounds. It is a courtesy extended to us by the Cathedral which permits us to use the grounds to drop off and pick up children. We would encourage you to drop off and collect your children as quickly as possible. Please do not permit the children to walk/run on the grass in the Cathedral grounds as it is maintained by Cathedral ground staff.

As you are aware this year we are celebrating 170 years of Faith, Love and Learning in St. Eugene’s Primary School. As part of the celebration, we are having a Mass in St. Eugene’s Cathedral at 6pm on Monday 25 November 2024. All are welcome to attend.

We are also hosting an Open Day on Saturday 23 November 2024 from 2-5pm. If you would like to take a walk down memory lane you are very welcome. You might even meet some of your old teachers!!. If you have any memorabilia you would like to share please leave it into the School Office. It will be gratefully received, displayed and returned to you.

We are currently designing a 2025 commemorative anniversary calendar which will feature photographs of our pupils at various Derry landmarks. These will be available to purchase at a cost of £10.00 each and will be available from the School Office.

**ATTENDANCE**

We are now in the second month of reward for full school attendance. Well, done to all of those children who have managed one or two months of full attendance so far this year.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

For Child Protection purposes, once the school day begins, all visitors to school, including parents, child-minders or family member, must report to the Office. We appreciate your co-operation with this requirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy Hallowe’en break. School will close at the usual time on Friday 25 October 2024 and reopen on Monday 4 November 2024 at 8am for Breakfast Club.

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