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Week One
Dinner menu
From 6th Nov

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Open Day

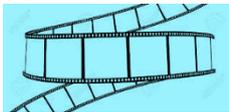


The school will hold its Open Day on **Wednesday 6th December from 5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please inform anyone that is considering us for Nursery or Primary One for September 2024 of the date and timings. Applications will open in **January 2024** and parents of prospective pupils can obtain further information at the Open Day. To facilitate children returning for this event and all staff preparations, **school will close for all children on Wednesday 6th December. Nursery children will leave at**

12noon and all other children (p1-7 will leave at 1pm). There will also be no after-school clubs that day or school bus. Breakfast Club remains unaffected.

Harvest Gifts for Storehouse

We would like to thank everyone who brought in tinned tomatoes, tinned tuna and bags of rice for Storehouse. These gifts were gratefully received and will help to fight food poverty. Belfast City Storehouse would like to thank you so much for these donations which make such a difference to so many peoples' lives.

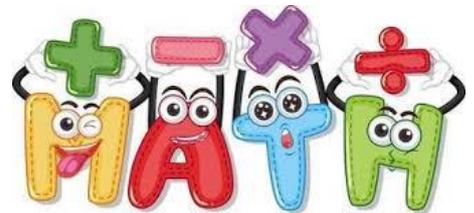


Film Festival

This week we ran our own Film Festival as part of the bigger INTO Film Festival that has been running across the province. Once again, the children had a fantastic festival with many opportunities to talk about film and what they have learned. A huge thanks to all the staff that made it what it was with a special thanks to Mrs McAloon for organising this event.

Mathletics and Mathseeds Competition

The Mathletics and Mathseeds competition which has been taking place over the past few weeks has been a huge success. Pupils have been spending lots of time on these two platforms gaining lots of points. One pupil scored 26,000 points which was the highest in the school! Thank you to Miss Murray for organising this competition.



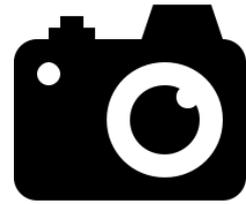
Patrol Person



Unfortunately, we still do not have a Patrol Person at present. We have been in contact with the Education Authority and made them aware of how dangerous the Cliftonville Road is. Please exercise extra vigilance when crossing the road and remind children they must only cross at the lights on the Cliftonville Road. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at school safely so if you have any concerns about your child crossing the road by themselves, we advise that you walk them to school. Hopefully, the Education Authority will resolve this quickly.

School Photographer

As stated in this Bulletin, the school photographer will be in school the week we return from half-term on Tuesday, 7th November and Wednesday, 8th November. This is for individual and sibling photographs. Family photographs will take place later in the year.



PTFA

Many thanks to our PTFA and volunteers who helped make the Halloween Discos a huge success. Particular thanks goes to Zoe and Christina and their parent helpers for all their organisation of this very exciting event!

Taking Photographs

We all love to take photographs of our children, particularly when it is a special day like the first day of school, fancy dress or a birthday. We would actively encourage you to do this as these are memories that you will look fondly upon in later years. However, if you do this on school property, then please be conscious that other children may be in these photographs. This creates a child protection issue for the school as you may not have permission to take a photograph of another parent's child. The simplest and easiest way to avoid this is to ensure that other children are not in the frame of the photo and if they are, crop it or delete it. Thank you for your co-operation on this.

Donation

At the start of the week an individual walked into the school and handed the office staff an envelope. Upon inspection of this envelope, there was £200 within it. Please let us know who you are so we can thank you for your generosity.

Action Short of Strike

We have been informed by two unions, GMB and Unison (NIPSA is likely to follow) that their members will follow action short of strike over the next number of weeks. Start dates for this varies but it involves most, if not all, of our non-teaching staff as well as staff in other schools and canteen staff.

This coupled with Action Short of Strike for teaching staff, will cause significant disruption to services, provision and perhaps even the education within schools.

That said, this action by non-teaching staff is a legitimate action. It is over pay and conditions and should be supported by parents despite the disruption that it could potentially cause. Staff have no interest in disrupting the education of the children within their care and do not take any form of strike action lightly.

We have also been informed that a day of strike action is to take place on 16th November. At this stage, there is no way of knowing the full impact that this will have on schools. It is nevertheless likely to be significant and may involve partial or full closure as it involves school meals, cleaning, office staff, caretaking and both classroom and SEN Assistants. Further details will be provided when available.



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Morning Gate

The gate at the front playground will close at 9am each morning. Please ensure that your children arrive punctually so that they may go into school with their friends. However, if a child does arrive at school after the gate is shut at 9am, they must now use the main entrance to the school. Parents are reminded that all lateness should be explained to the school through a note or by completing the book at the front office. Unfortunately, office staff may not be in a position to walk children to their room, and this should be explained to your child before they arrive at school late, as well as the door that they need to use. Pupils who are late should walk independently to their own classrooms. The school continues to monitor punctuality and where frequent lateness is identified, the school will liaise with both the parent and Education Welfare Service to try and ensure that this is addressed for the benefit of the education of the child.

Free Fruit Friday

Free Fruit Friday has been very successful and will continue after half-term.

P3 10th November

P4 17th November

P5 24th November

P6 1st December

P7 8th December

P3 15th December

P4 Wednesday, 20th December



And Finally.....

Have a great break and a well-earned holiday. We would like to thank you, our parents, for all your support this half-term and the devotion and dedication that you provide to the education of your children.

Reminders



P.E Lessons

WE would just like to remind pupils that platform style trainers are not suitable for P.E. lessons.



HALLOWEEN SPORTS CAMP

£25

VENUE: Ballysillan Leisure Centre
Indoor Sports Hall

DATES: 30th & 31st October

TIME: 10am - 1pm

AGES: 4-11

Contact Neil on: **07849313526**





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BE HALLOWEEN SAFE

Halloween can be an exciting time for children with bonfires, fireworks, dressing up and parties with plenty of treats and party games. But with these added distractions comes an increase in the likelihood of accidents. These simple tips can make Halloween a safe night for everyone:

Tips for Parents and Carers

Remind children to be extra careful when crossing any roads.
Choose a costume and mask that doesn't restrict a child's visibility.
Provide children with a torch or glow stick as part of their costume.
Avoid using a naked flame or candle in pumpkins; use a torch or battery-operated candle.
Tell children to stay away from any naked flames. Be sure they know how to 'Stop, Drop and Roll' if their clothing catches fire.

Bonfires

Keep bonfires to a manageable size, in a clear space, at a safe distance from buildings and overhead cables.
As a rule the bonfire should be a minimum of 5 times its height from buildings and property.
The bonfire should not contain potentially hazardous material which may explode or give off toxic fumes.
Never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin as these can produce explosive vapours.

Fireworks

Greater availability has increased the popularity of fireworks, yet despite the warnings their use can often end in disaster with a visit to the hospital. **Remember:**
Outdoor fireworks cannot be bought in Northern Ireland without a licence.
Ensure fireworks comply with BS-EN 15947 – 2015.
Read the instructions carefully before use and always supervise children around fireworks.
Further information can be found at www.saferfireworks.com or www.nidirect.gov.uk/fireworks.

Sparklers

Never give sparklers to children under the age of five.
Always wear gloves with sparklers, preferably leather ones.
Hold it at arms length and never wave sparklers at someone else as you could burn them.
When the sparkler has finished put it into a bucket of cold water immediately.

Road Safety

Halloween means that there will be more children out on the streets. Drivers need to take extra care especially when driving in residential areas. **Drivers should:**
Reduce their speed in residential areas.
Watch out for children, many of whom will be wearing costumes with masks that often restrict their visibility and makes it more difficult for them to see when crossing the road.
Remember to enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
Reduce your distractions in the car and stay alert.

For further information phone NIFRS HQ 028 9266 4221 or visit www.nifrs.org   #STOPfire