

November Newsletter

UNCRC Article of the Month, Article 29:

You should be helped to use and develop your talents and abilities. You should also be helped to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



November/December Dates

Staff Training Day (School closed for all children)	Monday 11 th November
End of term	Friday 20 th December
Start of term 2	Tuesday 7 th January



Thank you for your support

You helped us raise the money needed to pay for the annual subscription of MATHLETICS.

Before the mid-term break we had a sponsored Golden Mile, £3576 was raised, this will pay for our annual subscription to MATHLETICS.

MATHLETICS is available to all primary school children.

Every child has a username and password.

MATHLETICS is completed at home.

Your child's teacher will have allocated a particular topic for her/him to complete as part of their home learning.



Like a traditional maths homework your child's teacher can see what your child has done at home.

How can I help my child on Mathletics?

- Take an active role in your child's mathematics progress.
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week.
- Encourage a balance between the Activities section and Live Mathletics.
- Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre (shown as a '?') in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem.
- Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy.
- Use the concept search as an online maths dictionary tool when completing homework or explaining a concept in Maths.
- Encourage your child to gain an award. They take a while to achieve, so be patient and encourage consistent use.

NOTICE RE FLU VACCINATION

The flu vaccination programme was due to take place in school on Thursday 14th November. We have been advised today this has been cancelled due to a shortage of vaccine. Vaccination will take place in January, date to be advised. Please return any outstanding consent forms by Friday 8th November please.

Walk, Cycle, Scoot to School

Please consider using one of the school's Walking Buses which leave from the cycle path at Kernan Hill Manor or the parking area close to Seagoe Filling Station.

Many children are also independently walking, cycling and scooting to school along the Cycle paths. There is an adult at each gate every morning to welcome the children into school.

It goes without saying the benefits of a more active travel to schools can be truly significant. From the associated health benefits of scooting, walking or cycling to school for children which include:

- increased concentration levels in class
- tackling the obesity epidemic in children
- increased mental alertness
- increased energy

The environmental impact of changing behaviour to encourage more non-car use during school time also brings with it a host of benefits including:

- reduced congestion at the school gate
- a cleaner air environment in and around the school
- less stressed parents trying to find a car parking space
- a better relationship with local residents