



NEWSLETTER

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Parents E-Safety Workshop & New Website Launch

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

**Monday 9th November
at 7pm**

Do you know who your child is **REALLY** talking to online?

All parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting regarding your child's internet safety as part of our Child Protection Programme.

1.50pm Pick-Up and Parking Arrangements

To help alleviate the congestion in the main car-park at 1.50pm, the main playground will now be open for cars to park in. The gates will close again by 2.05pm so that sporting/PE activities can continue as normal. Should you normally park from 2pm to pick-up again at 3pm, we would ask you to park in the main car park. We would also ask your assistance in not entering the staff car park either to drop off or park. This area is out of bounds for children.

BALLOON LAUNCH UPDATE

Two more balloons have turned up – one in The Mull of Kintyre in Scotland and one in England! Who knows where the next one will turn up?



SCHOOL HEALTH

Unfortunately your child may become ill in school from time to time and at the moment there is a nasty tummy bug doing the rounds in school. On the advice of the School Nurse, we would ask that your child to be at least 24

hours symptom free before returning to school especially after a bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Please make sure that your contact details are up to date.

HEAD LICE! – None of us like to hear those two little words but unfortunately head lice are always going to be about either in school or out and about where ever children congregate. We remind you that it is parents/carers responsibility to check their child/ren very regularly and treat as necessary. It is not the school nurse's responsibility to check for head lice anymore so we ask parents to be vigilant. Please let your child's class teacher know if a presence is discovered.

Healthy Eating

Monday 9th November sees the start of 'Healthy Snack Week' with fun ideas to help introduce healthy snacks and lunchboxes. This information is being sent home on a separate note with this newsletter!



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Last week to donate!

The Shoebox Appeal collection finishes on Friday 13th November

We've collected just over 80 shoeboxes so far so there's still time to make a donation to this worthwhile cause.

The staff of Omagh Integrated P.S. & Nursery have agreed to ask parents and children to fill a shoebox in lieu of presents for staff

Monday 9th November sees the official launch of our new school Website and we invite parents/carers to come along to view it as part of our E-safety workshop for parents @7pm in school hall. We continue to populate the website with information on a daily basis so please log on Monday to see this exciting development for the school. We'd be very interested in your feedback on the new site either positive or how we can improve it. No doubt, it will evolve over time.

A huge thank you to Mr Hannigan and all the staff for their help in getting the site to this stage.

this Christmas. If you wish to show your appreciation a simple card will suffice. We really hope that each family in the school will be able to donate a shoebox and support those most in need.



RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Omagh Accies Rugby Tournament

On Monday 26th of October the after-school rugby squad braved the elements at the Omagh Accies Rugby Tournament. The team led by Ethan, won every match in their group and made it the final where in the last minute they conceded a try to the opposition. The players all played with focus, determination and discipline. Thanks must go to Aubrey, who has been preparing the players every Wednesday! Year 5 start on Wednesday 11th November after-school, don't forget your gum shield.

GAELIC TOURNAMENTS

Our Gaelic Football team took part in the Ronnie Kelly Indoor Gaelic Football Tournament at the Station Centre when they performed very well but faced strong opposition. At another tournament in Drumragh GAA Club the team won all their matches and the signs of improvement under their new Gaelic coach, Mr Martin McCrory assisted by Mr Paul Grimes are beginning to show. Well done everyone!

CHOIR SINGS AT WORLD PEACE DAY AT THE OASIS PLAZA

The choir recently performed magnificently in an event to mark World Peace Day at Omagh's brand new OASIS Plaza. The prestigious event was attended by local dignitaries, several hundred pupils and adults from schools throughout the Omagh area and the choir's rendition of the school song 'Integrated Eyes' stole the show!

Peace Pledges were composed by a host of young people from 46 schools throughout the Omagh area which set out their aspirations to respect, care for and value people of all races, creeds and colours and bring forward a new path to peace and prosperity.



PASTORAL CARE AND CHILD PROTECTION

Staff at OIPS are always ready to listen to any problems or queries you may have. Sometimes you may have other concerns where you or your children may want to talk in confidence to an appropriate adult. Our Designated Child Protection Teacher is Mrs McKernan, Year 3 and Deputy Child Protection Teacher is Mrs Taggart, Year 7.

PARENTS' COUNCIL NEWS



As part of the school's 25th Anniversary celebrations, the Parent's Council are running a **1990's Movie Night on Thursday 12th November from 6.30pm-7.45pm for Year 4-7 pupils.** Bring along your pillow or cushion to chill on. Tickets cost £2.50 each which includes a drink, crisps and sweets and are available from Monday 9th November 2015. Please bring your money into the class teacher and get your ticket now!

Toy Sale

The Parents' Council are organising a 'Bring and Buy Toy Sale' on **Tuesday 24th November** in avenue. It'll be a great opportunity to clear out your old toys and old books just before Christmas. Please help us to 'stock up' for the sale by donating any unwanted/good condition. Toys can be dropped into the school hall from the 16th November 2015. Thank you. All details on a poster being sent soon!

Year Group Parent Representatives

The Parents' Council would like to invite representatives from each year group in the school to serve on the Parents' Council to encourage more participation from our parent body. Further details will be sent out in a note for you to volunteer your services.

Pampered Chef Night (Last in the UK)

Thursday 2nd December 2015: Details to follow soon!

