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October's Monthly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

The PTA Saturday Social was such a wonderful way to start the month. I would like to thank you all for your support and generosity which raised over £570 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Plans for our 90th Anniversary celebrations are fully underway and we would like to invite the whole community to come and celebrate with us. Please pass on details of the celebrations below to anyone who has been involved with the school, as we would love for them to come along or get in touch.

Preparations have also begun for the festive season with the PTA planning a Tractor Run on 29th November 6-9pm and the Carol Service, proposed for Tuesday 17th December at 7pm. Further details of both these events will follow.

Emily McCaffery

Dates for October

Wednesday 2nd	Pupil Progress Meetings	Monday 14th	P1-4 Cinemagic Drama & Film W.shops
Thursday 3rd	Pupil Progress Meetings	Tuesday 15th	World Maths Day
Saturday 5th	PTA Social Saturday - 11am-1.30pm	Monday 21st	KPS 90th Anniversary Museum
Monday 7th	Drama for Kids - P1-4	Tuesday 22nd	KPS 90th Anniversary Party
Thursday 10th	Photo Workshop - P5-7	Thursday 24th	Flu Spray
Monday 14th - 18th	Colin Tinsley - Hope for Youth Ministries	Monday 28th	HALF TERM BEGINS

Happy 90th Anniversary

Museum at School



Primary 5-7 are continuing to use all of their skills from across the curriculum to develop exhibitions for our Museum at School. The fashion team are sorting their way through the glamour and disaster of fashion through the past 90 years, whilst the artefact team have been invited to revisit the Braid archives. The transport team are on the look out for vehicles to display, so if you have a classic in the garage, please get in touch. P1-4 pupils are encouraged to dress up as a pupil from the past on this day.

The school will be opened as a Museum on Monday 21st October at 2pm to commemorate our 90th Anniversary and we hope to see everyone there.

90th Anniversary Party

Calling all parents and friends

On Tuesday 22nd October we are hosting a celebration event for all parents, past and present to celebrate the wonderful school we are blessed to have.

Please come along and enjoy some informal fun & friendship.

The Leighinmohr House Hotel have a fantastic fork buffet and 'Kick the Can' will surely have us up dancing.

Tickets are now available to buy at the School Office.



Calling all Parent Helpers

We are very fortunate at Kirkinriola Primary School to have amazing parents who help out with a range of different activities. If you think you could also give up an hour or two of your time to help out with class projects, school trips, swimming, Time to Shine sessions, preparing resources at home, gardening or clubs, please let your class teachers know by writing a brief note in communication books.

Projects that require parent support at the moment are:

- Spring bulb planting and general gardening tidy up
- Website  development



A BIG Well Done to our P1 Pupils.

A great big well done to all of our Primary 1 pupils for a great month of settling in. They have really taken to the school routines like ducks to water. Based on the happy smiling faces coming in this week, it is clear that they are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities ahead.



PTA Social Saturday and Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another successful coffee morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



The PTA Social Saturday again offered an important opportunity for new families to be welcomed into the Kirkinriola Family. As always, the hotdogs were delicious and come rain or shine a wonderful time was had by all.

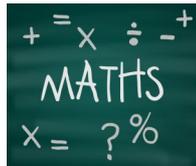
The final total raised from the coffee morning was in excess of £570. Such a fantastic amount for a very worthy cause.

Thank you to you all for your support of these events and your generosity.



World Maths Day- Tuesday 15th October

We will be celebrating World Maths Day on Tuesday 15th October and pupils will be engaged in a variety of Mathematical challenges throughout the day.



Parent Vision Workshops

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to our first Parent Vision workshop in September where we looked at Ethos, Communication, Behaviour and Healthy Choices. There was lots of great discussion and ideas shared.

Parent vision workshops allow parents to learn more about teaching and learning at Kirkinriola Primary School, They also provide opportunities for parents to be consulted on and participate in policy development.

Our next workshop is planned for Term 2 and Mrs McKelvey will be sharing information regarding Special Educational Needs provision.

Harvest Celebration

All pupils will celebrate Harvest on Monday 14th October during an assembly with Reverend William Sinclair.

As part of this celebration, we would ask you to send dry foods, packets or tins into school over the next 2 weeks. As in recent years, these will be displayed in the entrance hall and then donated to help local families through the Ballymena Food Bank.



A Look Ahead



Dates for November

Friday 1st November

HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Monday 4th	Term Begins	Monday 18th	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 5th	P4-7 Twilight Forest School (5-7pm)	Wednesday 20th	Individual & Class Photos
Friday 8th	Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes to be in.	Thursday 21st	Open Day 11am-12noon
Monday 11th	Anti-bullying Week Begins	Saturday 9th/23rd/30th	AQE Assessments
Wednesday 13th	No Pens Day		

Remember for any updates on events throughout the month or to view event photos you should visit...

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