



Weekly News Friday 13th October 2023

Tractor Run

Our tractor run is organised for Saturday 21st October. We would love you to pass the word around the community and invite along any tractor owners you know! We will have lots of fun activities on offer for the children including pony rides from Sheans farm, crafts & stalls in the hall and a treasure hunt! All funds collected will go to PTA which in turn are used to enrich your child's experience at Armoy PS. Tractor entry is £20 and pedestrian entry is £4pp (under 2's are free)

Make sure to share the Facebook post!

**Armoy Primary School
Autumn Tractor Run**

Saturday 21st October 2023 Registration opens at 11am

Activities to include pony rides by Sheans Farm, treasure hunt, crafts in the hall, facepainting and more!
Bring the whole family along for a fun morning out!

Entry Fee:
£20 per tractor
£4 for everyone else
(under 2's free)
Ticket includes food and activities!

Raffle tickets will be sold on the day at £1 per strip!
Prizes generously donated by local businesses include:

- £30 voucher (Golden Plough)
- £20 voucher (Scenic Inn)
- 10x coffees (Oz Coffee)
- £30 voucher (Woven Mill)

Bruder combine harvester and Bruder digger (McMullan Agri)

Stalls:
Tidy Freaks
Rachels Stone Art
Lillian Kelly's bows
Crochet squishies
Anne McKay Crochet and more!

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Armoy Primary School

Sponsored Athlete Visit—Thank you!

You may remember that last year we held a sponsored athlete event in connection with Sports for Schools. As a result of your sponsorship efforts the School Council and their peers choose new Sports equipment. The children opened their purchases yesterday and have been able to use today!



Your support in fundraising for school is always so appreciated!



Parent Interview times

Interviews are scheduled for the week beginning 16th October. Pupils will finish at 1pm all week. There will be no after school activities or Ten2 club. Please make arrangements to attend during the time offered. There will be a break from written homework from 16th October until after the half term break.



Extended Schools Programme

We currently have a number of booster groups running in school and our P2/3/4 class will have visitors coming to school to share story sacks with them. To promote a love of books the class will also have a trip to Waterstones bookshop in Coleraine on where each child will receive a free book.

Harvest Assembly & Macmillan coffee morning

You are invited into school to watch the classes perform songs, musical items and poems for Harvest on **Wednesday 25th October at 9.30am**. Our guest will be Rev Gary Glasgow who will speak to the children. After this you are invited to join with us for tea and apple tart. **Donations for Macmillan Cancer are welcomed.**



PTA party

Class parties will take place on Friday 27th October during the school day. Pupils are welcome to wear costumes. More details of activities to follow. **The PTA have been delighted at the response for new members and offers of help & support for the upcoming events!**

Lateness & Sickness

Please ensure that children are in school by 8.55am sharp. Lateness is recorded and is disruptive for your child and to the staff who are busy completing admin tasks such as dinners, registration and homework at this time. We appreciate your support to help your child's day start on a positive note.

If your child is ill and unable to attend classes please make sure you inform the school in *writing or by Seesaw (not by phone)* as per the attendance policy. Attendance matters very much and is collected from us by the Department of Education every month. Unless your child is ill we would ask that you do not take them out of school for any reason, including for birthdays, holidays etc. We are legally obliged to send letters to parents/guardians of children with low attendance and inform the Education Welfare Officer.

We have attached the attendance matters paperwork to this newsletter. Please familiarise yourself with it and our attendance policy.

Cash for Clobber

If you or someone you know needs to clear out clothing or textiles they can be brought into school until 6th November.

School Crest design

Thank you to everyone who took part in the poll, we will be in touch soon with the final decision!

A Special word of thanks....

The children and staff would like to thank James Mc Cook who kindly made this outdoor balance to use in weight activities outside. This will be great fun!





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Shared Education Fun

On Tuesday we welcomed the P1/2 pupils from St Olcan's PS and Straidbilly PS into our school. The children had a brilliant time and were reunited with lots of playgroup friends. They enjoyed time in our amazing outdoor area and learning lots from the Numeracy activities provided. The staff from all three schools enjoyed sharing teaching and learning ideas.



Star of the Week awards

Well done to Grace, Zarah, Theo & Johnny!



School Car park

Many of you are aware that plans have been submitted to the Department of Education and approved for a car park at our school. This work was due to commence within the academic year 2023/24. However, I have just received notification from the Education Authority that this project will be paused due to a lack of capital funding within the education budget. This is regrettable for our school community whose safety remains a priority. You will be informed if this situation changes.

Dates for the Diary

16th–20th October—Parent Teacher Interview week

1pm finish (all pupils)

Tuesday 17th October– P1/2 Shared Education at Straidbilly

Saturday 21st October—PTA Tractor Run

23rd October—Payment 2 cut off date for P6/7 residential trip

Wednesday 25th October—Harvest Service— all welcome

Thursday 26th October—P1/2 trip to Rosepark Farm

Friday 27th October—PTA party in school/dress up day

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November—half term

Wednesday 6th November—cash for clobber collection

Friday 10th November—P2/3/4 Waterstones Trip

Wednesday 6th December—Carol Service (evening)

Monday 11th December—Supper with Santa—PTA evening event

Wednesday 13th December— KS1 nativity (morning)