



## Weekly News Friday 27th October 2023



### Tractor Run & Fun Day

What an amazing day we had! We are very thankful to our local community and our families who supported us. A big thank you to Malachy at our local Armoy Mace for donating all the bread on the day! We have been overwhelmed with the efforts to raise £1,500 for vital school funds. This will have a tremendous impact upon what can be provided to educate the children. Thank you.

### Harvest celebration

It was great to see our assembly hall filled with parents, grandparents and visitors. The children entertained us with poetry and songs. Thank you to Rev Gary Glasgow who led the children's address. The morning was supported by Tesco and our PTA who provided tea/coffee and apple pie. Our school community raised £300 for Macmillan Cancer Fund. This is a charity close to the hearts of many of our families.



### Shared Education P1/2

P1/2 have finished off their half term with a trip to Rosepark Farm along with St Olcan's and Straidbilly. They had a wonderful visit around the farm and had great fun outdoors. Their visit was made complete by a visit to the super pumpkin patch!

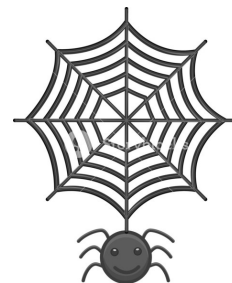
### P1/2 staffing

At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors it was agreed to grant a request from Mrs Leeke to reduce her working hours to 3 days per week. Her new working pattern will be Wednesday-Friday. This will allow her vital time to care for her young family whilst still committing to the children of Armoy Primary School. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Amanda Abou Samra to the team. As an experienced teacher of 16 years she is looking forward to teaching the class on Monday and Tuesday. The children have spent time with Mrs Abou Samra this half term and we are looking forward to working with her.



### PTA party

The children finished off the term in style with a Halloween party. Great fun games, dressing up and music was enjoyed as well as crisps and drinks. The extra offers of support from parents were greatly appreciated.







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#### Playpark reopening

We are delighted that our school council have been invited to the opening of the refurbished playpark! It's lovely to see it finished as our children were involved in discussions in the design process. P2/3/4 enjoyed a visit this week and thoroughly enjoyed it.

#### Uniform and Crest update

The online poll sent out to parents returned a 51% vote in favour of changing the crest. As this is not an overwhelming majority it has been decided to maintain the crest at present and to revisit the concept at a later stage. The uniform order is currently with Heart and Home who will stock our uniform in their Ballymoney store. This may be ready to purchase in store if required in Terms 2 and 3. We will let you know when this becomes available.

#### Ballycastle Credit Union

Many families within school use the saving scheme with Ballycastle Credit Union and have been teaching their children about the importance of saving. Ballycastle Credit Union work closely within the community to provide financial support. Our school have been very fortunate to receive a grant of £1,500 which has enabled us to provide the items below:

- a new football kit
- outdoor and indoor play equipment
- story sacks
- practical numeracy resources throughout the school.



#### 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.

#### House Team

The winners of the house team competition this half term are The Hedges. They have worked hard to display great work in school and shown our school values. They have a lovely treat with Mrs Leeke on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate.

#### Awards

Accelerated Reading, Mathletics, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs progress was recognised in school this week. All award winners received a certificate to acknowledge their hard work this half term.

#### Firework Safety

Pupils have talked about firework, sparkler and bonfire safety approaching the half term break. Excellent information about this topic can be found at <https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>. We have been reinforcing the message to have fun safely during the half term break.

#### Poppy Appeal

Children will be offered the opportunity to purchase an item from the poppy appeal from 6th November onwards. They will be learning about the work of the armed forces and the act of Remembrance.



#### Football Updates

We are pleased to announce that we have a fully qualified IFA coach on board to develop football alongside Miss Newman. Sessions will be offered throughout the school from P2-7 and will be provided at a subsidised cost of £15 per 5 week block. We would like to encourage our P2-3 pupils to come along to the sessions at 1.50p-2.50pm and our existing football club members in KS2 to join us from 2.50pm-3.50pm. Each group will have a maximum number of 20 pupils. Sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons.

Our team are looking forward to their first match on 9th November.

#### Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 6th November—cash for clobber collection

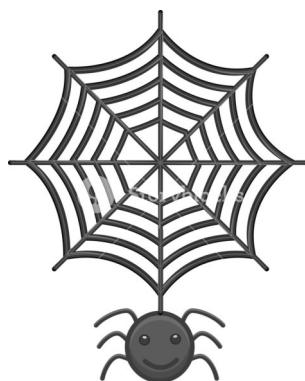
Friday 10th November—P2/3/4 Waterstones Trip

Wednesday 29th November—Open night

Wednesday 6th December—Carol Service (evening)

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

Wednesday 13th December—KS1 nativity (morning)



We hope you  
all have a  
lovely half-  
term break!