



# Weekly News

## Friday 11th November



### Term 1B

Pupils have enjoyed the return to school this week with much early festive fun. The Cookery Club and Craft Club have already been busy with creative crafts and apple crumble. Whilst the Coding Club have started projects using Scratch.

P1-4 have already been busy learning songs for our Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy'.

### AQE preparations

This year we are delighted to have a large group of children preparing for AQE transfer tests. This has required dedication to their practice papers and additional practice both in and out of school. Ahead of their first paper on Saturday 19th November we'd like to acknowledge their hard work and wish them every success in their upcoming assessments!

### NSPCC visit

On Monday P6/7 had a visit from Lydia from NSPCC who reinforced the messages taught in the 'Speak Out Stay Safe' campaign. As well as being reminded about the free Childline services they were reminded about our Safeguarding Team in school. Designated Teacher- Mrs. Leeke. Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Barr & Principal Mrs. Steele



### School Values

This month's value was Empathy. The worthy winners from each class are pictured below. Our next value is self-control. We will be encouraging the children to think about how to demonstrate this over the incoming month.

### House Team winners!

The 'red team' Knocklayde were announced as the winners of this half term's house competition. The School Council met with Mrs. Leeke and it was agreed that they had earned a hot chocolate treat.

### Remembrance

The children have been learning about the act of Remembrance in their classes and in assembly this week. The Poppy Appeal has been well supported.

### Anti-bullying Week

Next week classes will focus on important messages about bullying behaviour. Children will learn about how to develop positive relationships and how to deal with issues effectively. Monday will be Odd Socks Day to reflect the fact that each person is unique and individual and should be valued and respected.

### Engage

Mr. Mc Kane has now finished his Engage sessions and takes up a temporary post at Mc Kinney, Dundrod. We wish him well with his new P5 class and thank him for his work with us. Mrs. Redpath will continue to support the children in withdrawal sessions.

### Additional Needs

Sessions are provided Monday-Thursday by Mrs. Steele to support pupils with additional needs within the school.

### First Aid

Mrs. T Rouke, Mrs. K Murray & Mrs. Steele have recently undertaken a 3 day intensive First Aid Course and are the designated First Aiders within the school.

### Defibrillator

Recent fundraising efforts have enabled the PTA to purchase a defibrillator for school. This is an essential resource for a community building should the need ever arise. It is located within the school office. A community defibrillator is accessible out of school hours to the wider community, located at the Mace.

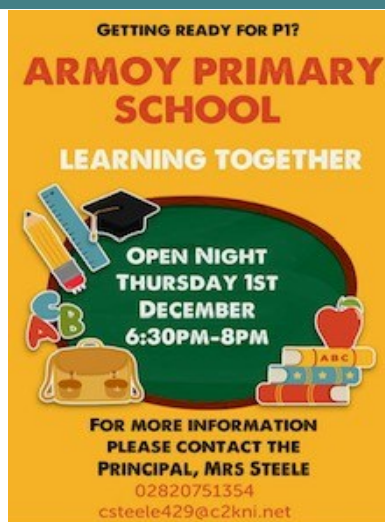
### Football Tournament

Our team travelled to Ballycastle 3G pitches on Thursday with Mrs. Steele. They played Ballycastle IPS, Bushvalley, Dunseverick and Bushmills PS. After a successful afternoon they gained 5 points having 1 win, two draws and 1 defeat.

### Pupil Absence

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school please don't phone in, rather send a seesaw message (or a written note on their return to school) to explain their absence. If a written note is not received as per school policy the office will contact you at the end of the month to ask for written absence notes.

**If a written note is not received an unexplained absence will be recorded on the register.**



### Dates for the diary

- Flu vaccine- 14th November
- Odd Socks Day-14th November
- Anti-bullying Week 14th-18th November
- P3/4 Shared Ed at Armo-15th November
- AQE tests- 19th, 26th November& 3rd December
- Open Night-1st December 6.30pm-8pm
- Supper with Santa- 6th December 6.30-8pm
- Grand Opera House Trip—7th December
- P6/7trip to Ballycastle HS Cinderabba-13th December
- Carols by Candlelight- Armo Presbyterian Church P5-7 pupils - 14th December 6.30pm-8pm
- 'It's a Bundle of Joy' P1-4 Nativity 1pm-2pm-16th December
- Community Carol Singing at Mace 11am finish-21st December