



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-Bullying Week Begins</li> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am; Y6 swimming continues. Remember £2 &amp; gear</li> <li>Irish dancing 6.30pm</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Drama (Y4&amp;5); Gaelic Football (Y5&amp;6)</i>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road of Hope Shoebox collection ends at 9am</li> <li>Year 5 Irish lessons continue with Mid Ulster Council 11.30am</li> <li>Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y6&amp;7 (during school – bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms)</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Camogie (Y5-7)</i>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit for life (Y4) £2 for bus, snack &amp; warm clothes (canteen break supplied as usual)</li> <li>9.30am: Violin, 11.30am: Flute/clarinet lessons, 2pm Y5 Tin Whistle lesson</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Multiskills (Y1&amp;2); Multigames (Y3&amp;4); Athletics (Y6&amp;7)</i>
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaelic F'ball sessions begin for Y4&amp;5 (during school – bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms)</li> <li>Y4 Bridge Meeting (Magherafelt) 7.30pm</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Tin Whistle (Y3); Coding club (Y5-7)</i>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Assembly 9.30am – Families and friends of Y4 very welcome (over by 10am)</li> </ul>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GL Assessment Transfer Test (Y7)</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary:**

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	● Last week of Afterschools Activities for Term 1		
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	● Y7 Hurling Blitz in Lavey		
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	● Assembly for Fr Dolan 9.15am – parents/families welcome (over 9.45am)		
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	● Music Workshop in Rainey Endowed (Y7) ● South Derry Football Skills Competition		
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	● Bridge Mass 2 ( First Sunday of Advent) 9.30am St Patrick’s Castledawson		
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	● Parish Carol Service followed by refreshments in school		
<b>First Confession</b>	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>Confirmation (M’Felt)</b>	<b>Confirmation (Bellaghy)</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March 7pm	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May 3pm	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm

**Other information:**

- We were saddened to hear our chaplain Fr McAnerney is unwell following a stroke last Thursday. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Y6 children led a prayer service last Friday in place of our scheduled mass. Many thanks to all who came along to offer our prayers for Fr McAnerney.
- Congratulations to Mr McIver whose wife gave birth to another boy last Friday. Mum and baby Deacon McIver doing well. Another Ballinderry footballer!
- Commiserations to St Malachy's GAC who were narrowly defeated by Pomeroy yesterday in the Ulster Intermediate Semi-final. They were unlucky but can build on a positive campaign – lots to celebrate!
- Parents of Y7 Pupils (Bellaghy) : The date for Confirmation has been finalised as Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Monsignor Dolan will be the lead celebrant.
- Please take time to read the Health & Medication information overleaf. This information was included in our parent info booklet earlier in the year. However, during the season of coughs, colds and general ill-health, it is important to remind parents of the arrangements.
- Remember to check bags, website & info board every Monday to make sure you're kept up to date.

## Friends of New Row – THANK YOU!

**Total raised: £1,003.19**

Our Quiz Night was a great success, down to the efforts of our Friends of New Row Committee. Many thanks to all who supported us, including the fabulous donations for the raffle. Thanks to Donard and Danny, who also later performed with Jane McAleese. The night really was great fun! Thanks to Moyola Golf Club for hosting the event and thanks to all who came out and supported us in their teams. Definitely an event worth repeating annually. All funds raised will be used to improve our playground.

### Parish of Magherafelt & Castledawson

#### Y4 Bridge Programme 2016-17

Fr Gates has asked me to remind everyone that only the pupils whose parents attend both bridge meetings shall receive their first communion. If you did not attend on Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, you need to attend this Thursday's repeat.

**Bridge Meeting 1 (repeat):** Thur 24 Nov 7.30pm,  
Church of the Assumption, M'felt  
**Advent Mass:** Sun 27 Nov 9.30am in St Patrick's

### Moyola & Toome Credit Union Ltd

## Attention all Sam Savers! Annual Christmas Draw

6 x £20 Smyth's Toy Vouchers to be won  
To be eligible, you must have saved at least  
£5 in total between Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov & Fri 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. Good luck and thanks for your support.

## Health and Medication: Important Reminders

Please ensure that the school has been informed of any allergy, illness or condition that your child may suffer from. Our First Aid responder is Mrs Sharon Keenan, who is also responsible for managing the medical needs records.

### Medication at school

We have been instructed by the school nurse that we are not allowed to administer medicine such as Calpol or Piriton unless it has been prescribed by a doctor.

Any medication to be administered must be signed in to the office by the child's parent. Only medicine prescribed specifically for a child (with a dispensing label displaying the child's name and correct dosage) may be administered by designated school staff (Mrs Keenan in the first instance).

Medication should never be kept in the child's schoolbag or in the classroom.

### General reminders

- Children should not be brought to school if they are unwell.
- Please do not send sick children to school. Even though they may want to come, we have a duty of care to all the children and staff. There are good reasons for this:
  - It is important that they enjoy their time at school and feel well enough to participate in all activities.
  - If your child has diarrhoea, vomiting or other infections please keep him/her at home until it has cleared (at least 24 hours). This is essential to prevent the unnecessary spread of infection to other children and staff.

### General health reminders:

- Some children in our school have allergies and in the interest of their safety and well-being we can no longer allow children to bring in birthday cakes to share with their class.
- Head lice are common among primary-aged children. Please check your child's head regularly. Many treatments are available from the local pharmacy and many are available on prescription. It would also be useful to inform the class teacher so a general reminder could be issued (of course without highlighting your child!).