



Week beginning Monday 27th June 2022

Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 27TH JUNE

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another academic year and this week we begin our summer holidays. At this time we would like to thank you all for your continuing support for our school throughout this year. We hope and trust that everyone has a safe and enjoyable, well deserved summer holiday.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we now have to say our goodbyes to our current Primary 7 class. We wish them every joy and success as they move on to their next schools and these schools do not know how lucky they are to get you and we are very sad to see you go. Remember, don't be strangers and keep up informed on how you are all getting on. In preparation for next year, new school jumpers will be on sale during week beginning 22nd August. Confirmed details will be published on our school website closer to that date. Our PE uniform is available online through Signature Works. We look forward to seeing all of our pupils again on Tuesday 30th August 2022.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There is no hurling this week and the After School Room will continue as normal, up to Wednesday 29th June. Cost continues to be £2.00 for each hour attended.

BOOK AMNESTY

Could we please ask that you do a little hunting and searching around your homes for any books you may have that belong to school and that they be returned to the school by Tuesday 28th June 2022. These may be reading books, text books, New Wave English and Maths books or any other relevant books that may belong to the school. We would be very grateful for their return to allow us to plan for our required resources for next year.



ACCELERATED READER



We were delighted to present Millionaire certificates to Grace and Alice in Primary 6. This is a fantastic achievement by both girls. We are aware of a number of pupils who are very close to achieving their millionaire record and all pupils have until Tuesday of this week to complete any tests to achieve this impressive milestone, for this academic year.

PORTAFERRY BIG SUMMER READ

Portaferry Library are encouraging all pupils to take part in the 'The Big Summer Read' which has a science theme this year. The children are being encouraged to attend the library to read and take part in fun, science based activities and learning throughout the summer. It is hoped as many children attend 'The Big Summer Read' as possible.

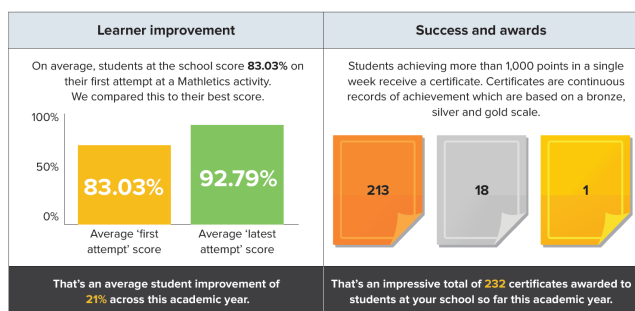


Watch out for the Portaferry Library Facebook page for full list of activities.



MATHELTICS

We are delighted to be able to share with you that, since we first took out the subscription for the online Mathletics programme in March 2022, our pupils have recorded an average 21% improvement in their attainment in Mathletics over from March to June 2022. This highlights the important benefits of Mathletics to our school in helping our pupils increase their attainment levels in maths.



We are delighted to confirm that the Mathletics programme is available throughout the summer period. As challenge we encourage our current P3/4/5/6 classes to find and explore the many apps available to help keep your maths skills sharp over the summer.



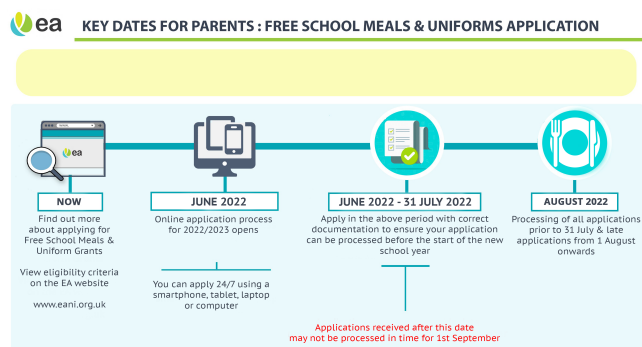
FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ UNIFORM GRANT

Free School Meals / School Uniform / Physical Education Clothing applications for 2022/23 school year can now be made online by clicking the link below.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

The process has changed for 2022/23 and you are now required to register and create an account before applying.

The application must be made by the person receiving benefits who is named on the Proof of Benefit Letter / Tax Credits Award Notice / Universal Credit Payments Breakdown. Please include in your application all children for whom you have parental responsibility and who will be attending full time at school or Regional/FE College.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The theme for this month of June is being a great Team Player and involving others in their games or activities. This week the Pupils of the Week were;

P1	Tyler
P2	Liam
P3	Teagan
P4	Leah
P5	Feidhelm
P6	Emma
P7	Alexa

CELEBRATION TIME

This week we celebrate together with Rosa (P1), Lucy (P2), Gwen (P2), Callie (P2), Bella Grace (P2), Belle (P3), Kayleigh (P3), Maebh (P3), Aoibhinn (P4), Brooke (P4), Hollie (P4), Grace (P4), Cora (P6), Emma (P6), Niamh (P6), Alice (P6), Abbie (P6) and Aoibhe (P7) who all won various medals and trophies at different Irish Dancing Feis. We also



celebrated with Jack (P2), Daniel G (P2), Cobhlaith (P2), Clíodhna (P2) Daniel C (P2), Lara (P2) and Riley (P4), Aoibhinn (P4) who all achieved gradings and certificates in Judo; with Leah (P2), Caoimhe McG (P2), Caoimhe McC (P2) and Hailey who gained their various gymnastics certificates, with Clíodhna (P4) who is this week's camogie Under 8 player of the week and Aoibhinn who obtained her grade on the harp.



SCHOOL DINNERS

This week's menu is contained below. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and must be paid at the beginning of each week in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and days on which they wish to have school dinner

Monday	Mince, carrot, onion and mashed potatoes.
Tuesday	Sausages, mashed potatoes and beans.
Wednesday	Pizza, Heby diced potatoes.
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Monday Toast 30p or Pancake 50p Tuesday Toast 30p Wednesday Toast 30p or buttered bagel 50p Thursday Toast 30p Friday	

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Also available daily!

Apple/ Orange juice 40p; Milkshake 40p; water 50p; Selection of fresh fruit 25p



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We send birthday greetings to Kate (P4), Liam (P5), Feidhelm (P5), Charlie (P5), Matthew (P6).



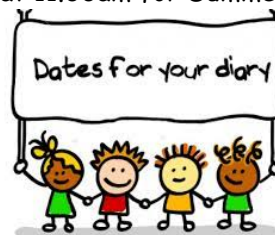
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 29th June

3.15pm Primary 7 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 30th June

School closes at 11.00am for Summer Holidays



CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of your child please contact Mrs Breen (Designated Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection) or Mr Denvir (Deputy Designated Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection).

