



KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school term. It's amazing just how quickly the holidays seem to have flown in even with very little sunshine. This is an extra large version of our newsletter so that we can communicate to you all our news and timetables etc. We have a busy year planned so I would ask you to keep our little learning community in all your thoughts and prayers over the first few weeks of term.

New Faces to KPS: We are delighted this year to welcome thirteen new faces to P1. We also welcome Miss Montgomery to our teaching staff. Miss Montgomery will be working 4 days per week in P5/6 but children may see her throughout the school helping with music and subcover.

Website & Social Media: Our website continues to be a valuable resource and source of information for our whole learning community. We will do our best to keep it updated and the Parent Area can give you access to a wide variety of information. Within the Pupil Area each class has a website with key information and documents unique to their class. As a school we are also on Facebook & Twitter for the use of our parents and wider community and not our children.

PTA: Our school has an active and vital Parent & Teachers Association (PTA) who organize community activities and raise much needed funds for our school. During September they will be inviting all our parents to their first meeting and we would encourage each family to send someone along so that you can be informed of all our plans for 2016-17

Our Breakfast & Windmill Clubs:
This week the Windmill Breakfast Club & After School club started back. The cost of the Breakfast Club is being covered by the generous support of Magherafelt Foodbank and Crawfords Supermarket, Maghera. Please support these organisations when you can. Each day there will be a fun and interesting activity. Children can come into school anytime after 8am. I must emphasise that all children in school at any stage before 8.45am will be expected to go to the Breakfast Club in the assembly hall for supervision. Please note below the slight change of Windmill Club daycare costs.

Dates for the diary:

- Monday 12th Sept.** - P1 stay until 2pm
- Tuesday 13th Sept.** - School Photographer in school
- Tuesday 13th Sept.** - Internet & Gaming Safely Workshops
- Monday 19th Sept.** - After School Clubs Commence
- Friday 23rd & Monday 26th Sept.** - School Closed

Dinner Menu Week 1 from Monday

Starting times & absence notes:

To facilitate school transport provision our classes start at 8.50am. I would encourage parents and children to be punctual this year as we have assemblies three times per week and it is distracting for speakers and teachers alike to have children arriving later when lessons or assembly have already commenced. I would ask parents to also remember to send a note to the office if your child is sick on the day of their return. We are required by law to record absences and the reasons given.

Credit Union Savings:

Magherafelt Credit Union savings programme will continue to operate on Mondays through the school office. Children new to the school can apply for a regular junior savings account through the office and bring the little red envelope in as often as you choose.



Congratulations to Corey in P3:

Congratulations once again go to Corey Campbell in P3 who has his farm picture, drawn in P1, included in the 2016 Health & Safety Executive Farm Calendar for the whole month of September!!

Milk, Break & School Dinners:

Milk is 20p per day, so this half term will cost £6.20 per child from Monday 12th Sept. Please order through the office on Monday 5th Sept.. Our school is very fortunate to have Dorinda who is a superb cook & our school dinners remain a most popular option. School dinners cost £2.50 per day and should be ordered and paid in advance on a Monday through the office. A menu has been enclosed with this newsletter and sent home today I will update you in the newsletter as to which week of the menu we will be going on to in school. Also enclosed is a menu for breaktimes.

Clubs: Clubs start back on 19th September and a timetable and clubs booking slip is enclosed below. Please return to office as soon as possible along with the required monies.

Friday Parent & Fellowship Group:

Our Friday Parent & Fellowship group will start again on Friday 9th September. A very warm invitation goes out to all our parents and grandparents to come along on a Friday morning from 9am to 9.30am for coffee and a time of fellowship and prayer for our school and local community. This support is very much appreciated by our whole school community.

Castledawson BB & GB: A uniform & consent form night is to be held on Monday 5th Sept 7-8.30pm. BB restarts on Monday 12 Sept: 6:45-8pm for Anchor Boys & Junior section. GB restarts Tuesday 13th Sept: Explorers 6.30-7.45pm, Juniors 7:30-9pm All new boys and girls especially welcome.

Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 1 st Sept. - (Costs: Up to 1hr = £3 or longer than 1 hr up to 6pm = £9)					
Names of Child/ren:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Days Required:	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>
Pick Up Time:	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.

Internet & Gaming Safely

Following our popular internet safety workshop last term we are now offering an evening workshop for children and our parents focusing on gaming. This will be held for children from P5 to P7 on Tuesday 13th September from 7pm to 9pm in our assembly hall and then for parents from 8.15pm to 9pm. A tuck shop will be available for children to buy drinks and sweets. Please register your interest using Parentmail or through our office.



School Uniform: Can I thank parents for how well turned out our children look in their new school uniform. As a staff we want to help them stay that way and we would ask all our parents to **PLEASE** ensure your child's uniform and belongings have names on them. Coats, all parts of the uniform, PE kit and even lunch bags should have your child's name clearly marked on them. Towards the end of September we will have a "Name Check Day" to try and have as many of our children's belongings correctly labeled as possible. Children are allowed to change into trainers at playtime if you wish.

First Few Days at K.P.S: Here are some of our little learners settling back into life at school. There are **LOTS** more photographs posted on our website and Facebook page so please take a look and feel free to like and share what you see.



Contact Details: Can I ask that parents update our office with any contact arrangements that may have changed over the summer holidays. Please let us know if your mobile, email or Emergency Contacts have changed. Can I especially ask parents of new children to our school to send in their email address to our school as we normally email our weekly school newsletter and other information letters home rather than running the risk of losing them in school bags etc.

P7 Swimming:

From Friday 9th September our P6/7 children will be taking part in swimming lessons as part of their PE at Greenvale Leisure Centre. We ask for a £2 contribution each week to cover costs of transport & coaching. More details are going home soon to the children involved.

Over the Summer: Many thanks go to Mr. William Henderson for helping the school with work on our play equipment area over the summer. We also had volunteers from Causeway Coast Vineyard church working in our school and grounds. We very much appreciate all this support for our wee school. Our children love their beautiful play areas and our staff very much appreciate their new look staffroom. Few snaps included below.

CLUBS REPLY SLIP

Complete as many child slots as required for clubs starting on Monday 19th September and return to office with the required monies. Please cut off and keep the timetable below for future records:

1 My child _____ (P_) will be attending the following clubs.

_____ (Mon) _____ (Tues) _____ (Wed) _____ (Thurs)

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I enclose £_____ to cover the cost of clubs that require a contribution for the term (please refer to time-table). To ensure your child has a place, and that we have the correct amount of materials for each child, this must be returned and paid by Thursday 15th September. School bus available at 2.50pm only.

Signed: _____ (Parent)



KPS Clubs Term 1



Day	P1/2 2:00-2:50	P3 2:00-2:50	P3 2:50-3:45	P4/5 2:50-3:45	P6/7 2:50-3:45
Monday	Scripture Union*		Home	Scripture Union*	
Tuesday	Outdoor Play & Art	Class	Art & Craft		P7 Study Club*
Wednesday	Games		Home	Volley Ball & Movie Club	
Thursday	Highland Dancing*	Class	Highland Dancing*		P7 Study Club*

ALL clubs cost £10 each for the full term, with the exception of:

* There is no charge for attending this club.

Please send this fee before 12th September to book your place. Please note that money paid is non-refundable.

Clubs will run from w/b 19th September to w/b 28th November
(There will be no clubs during the w/b 24th October due to Parent Teacher Interviews)



Dorinda's Diner - 4 Weekly Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Chicken Drumstick, Savoury Rice Mashed Potatoes & Salad or Toasted Sandwiches Peach Sponge & Custard	Beef Burger & Baps or Cottage Pie, Broccoli & Mashed Potatoes Swiss Roll & Custard	Roast Gammon & Stuffing Carrots Dry Roast/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Date Krispie & Custard	Chicken Filled Wrap or Irish Stew Salad/Coleslaw & Homemade Wedges Chocolate Fruit Cracknel	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Fish in Crumbs Sweetcorn, Chips or Mashed Potato Ice Cream Jelly & Fruit
Week 2	Spaghetti Bolognese or Ham & Cheese Toasties Peas & Carrots Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Pear Sponge & Custard	Chicken Burger & Bap or Shepherd's Pie Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw & Salad Fruit Muffins & Milk Shake	Roast Chicken/Turnip Dry Roasted & Mashed Potatoes Jelly & Fruit	Chicken Curry, Rice Nan Bread or Pizza, Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Fruit Crumble & Custard	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Chicken Stir Fry Peas, Chips or Homemade Potato Wedges Meringue Nests, Oranges or Yoghurts
Week 3	Hot Dogs or Chicken & Pasta Bake, Salad & Mashed Potatoes, Sweetcorn Fruit & Yoghurt	Stuffed Bacon Rolls or Cheese & Tomato Pizza Carrots & Mashed Potatoes Swiss Roll & Custard	Roast Gammon & Stuffing Sweetcorn, Peas Dry Roast/Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream & Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese or Chicken Drumsticks, Broccoli & Mashed Potatoes Decorated Sponge & Custard	Bacon Baps or Breaded Fish Peas, Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Fresh Fruit Salad & Biscuit
Week 4	Beef Hotpot Chicken Bites/Peas or Beans Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Meatballs & Tomato Sauce or Chicken Drumsticks, Mixed Veg Mashed Potatoes Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Diced Carrots, Gravy Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Cornflake Tart & Custard	Lasagne, Turnip & Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Savoury Rice Krispie Cake & Custard	Beef Pita Pocket or Fish Fingers, Peas Chips/Mashed Potatoes Apple Crunch & Custard

Available daily – Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Milk and Water **Menu will rotate every 4 weeks until further notice.**

While we endeavour to follow this menu exactly we cannot guarantee that this will always be the case due to deliveries etc.

Available at Break Time – Bread rolls 70p or Slice of Toast 25p A savings programme operates in the canteen which each child can set monies by, [otherwise pay on the day.](#)



Internet & Gaming Safely Event



Tuesday 13th Sept.
Children: 7-9pm
Parents 8-15-9pm
Please Register Today



ICT Headphone Hygiene:

To prevent the spread of unpleasant ear infections like 'Glue Ear' we are encouraging children to bring into school their own personal set of headphones that will be kept in a small named moneybag in their teacher's classroom. Glue ear is an unpleasant condition and we would like all our children to either bring in their own small set of headphones and keep them in their bag or to purchase their own set from the office at a much reduced price of £2

Consent Requests:

Earlier this week a Parentmail was sent to parents confirming permission to offer first aid, take photographs etc. If you did not receive a copy please contact the office on Monday as our system still has a few minor errors that can be quickly rectified at this stage of the term.

House Teams:

This morning our children came together into our school's four House Teams. These are an opportunity for our children to come together to compete and celebrate non academic achievements. Each of our children are allocated a House Team to be a member of for their time in our school. Brothers and sisters are in the same House Team no matter their age group and a teacher helps lead the meetings. Today our children elected the following House Captains from our Year 7 Children and Deputy House Captains from Year 6 and Year 7.

	House Captain	Deputy House Captain
Moyolla	Kaitlyn Houston	Hollie Rainey
Quarry	Isaac McCammon	Jack Spillane
Termoneey	Serena Dillon	Bobby Porter
Windmill	Lois Fulton	Amy McKinley

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