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January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of the staff would like to wish our families a healthy, happy and peaceful new year. We were delighted to be able to celebrate Christmas as a school family before the end of term and hope as the term progresses we will see the return of more school community events.



COVID UPDATE

Every day we are receiving messages informing us of parents who have tested positive, and we thank parents for keeping school informed. It is, however, essential that if someone in the home is positive that all other members of the family do a Lateral Flow Test every day for the following 10 days.

We appreciate that Lateral Flow Tests are hard to come by, but **children should not return to school if a Lateral Flow Test has not been completed and a negative result received.** This is essential as we can see this week where children are testing positive on Lateral Flow Tests a few days after a family member has contracted the virus.



WRAP AROUND CARE

We are extremely short staffed and it is **essential** that all parents wishing to book their children into after-schools from 2.00-5.30pm book in advance to ensure we have the necessary staffing.

Following an audit of our after-schools wrap around care provision from January 2022 **all payments must be made within 10 working days from the receipt of the invoice.**

NURSERY AND YEAR 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Nursery and Year 1 applications can now be completed online at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place. Applications must be completed by noon on Friday 28th January 2022. The application process has changed this year and if anyone needs any support please contact the school office on 02882242642.

If you know of anyone who has a child who is eligible for either a Nursery or Year 1 place (ie any child born before 1 July 2019) please share this information with them or ask them to contact school for more information.

OMAGH COUNTY
PRIMARY & NURSERY

Online Applications Open

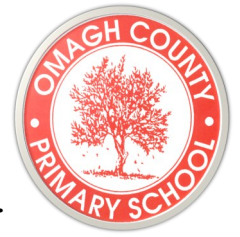
10th - 28th January

Wrap Around Care
Available 8am - 5.30pm

Dyslexia Friendly School
(BDA Kitemark)

Find out more information at...
www.omaghcounty.org

Would you like to view
the school?
Contact...
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028 82 242642



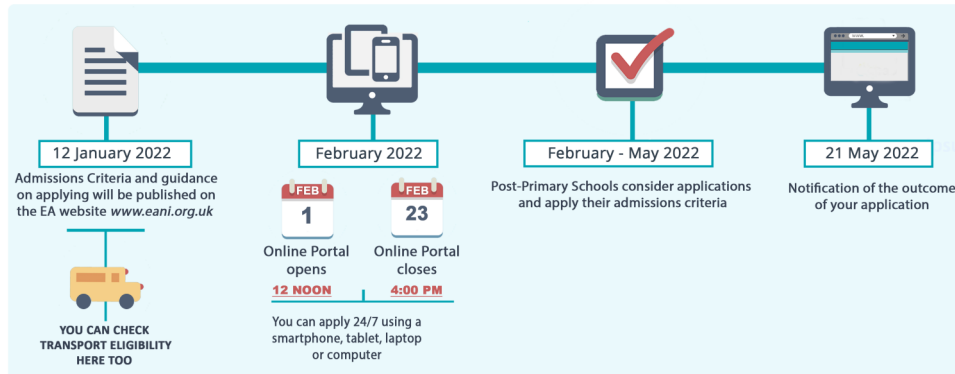
YEAR 7 POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The results of the AQE test will be issued on **Saturday 5th February 2022**. Secondary school admission criteria will be published 12 January 2022. Online applications will open at 12 noon on 1 February and will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 23 February. More information will be sent home with Year 7 pupils later in the month.



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : APPLYING FOR A POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

THE USUAL AGE GROUP OF PUPILS WHO TRANSFER TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 11 YEARS BY 1 JULY 2022 , I.E. PUPILS WITH DATES OF BIRTH FROM 2 JULY 2010 TO 1 JULY 2011 , INCLUSIVE.



NEW YEAR REMINDERS

- ♦ Children should come into school independently in the morning and line up (except Nursery and Year 1)
- ♦ Parents when entering the school building must always report to the school office e.g. to leave in forms, make payments.
- ♦ **School uniform should be adhered to at all times**, jewellery and nail polish is not permitted.
- ♦ **Children should bring the correct dinner money in a sealed envelope** either daily or weekly. School staff cannot give change as the sealed envelopes go directly to the Kitchen staff.
- ♦ **Flu Vaccine**—on Wednesday 26 January the school nursing team will be in school to administer the flu vaccine to any children who were absent on their previous visit.

CHARITY DONATIONS

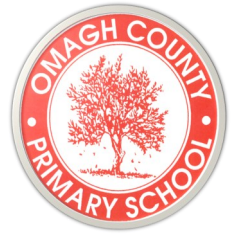
Poppy Day Appeal—£410.00

Elfie Day/ Santa Run—£300.00 Action Mental Health

Staff Donations in lieu of Christmas Cards to Women's Aid—£230.00

Total: £940.00

Thank you everyone for your donations.



BRITISH DYSPLEXIA ASSOCIATION QUALITY MARK ACCREDITATION

We are bursting with pride because we have recently been awarded the highly acclaimed British Dyslexia Association Quality Mark for the 14th year running.

This award is only issued to schools who can demonstrate that they provide high quality education and practice for children with dyslexia or those displaying dyslexic tendencies.

As a result of the inspection the assessors informed the school, that Omagh County Primary School and Nursery, more than met the standards of the Quality Mark and asked if the school could be used as a flagship to support other schools across the UK on their journey to becoming Dyslexia Friendly.

Well done to all the boys, girls and staff, and especially to Mrs Dempsey who co-ordinates dyslexia friendly practices throughout the school, trains our staff and liaises with the BDA.



LITTLE HEALTHY ME

We are continuing with our Action Mental Health Little Healthy Me programme. This term the programme will be delivered to Year 1 and 2, the

ASD and LSC.

Year 3 -6 all really enjoyed and benefitted from the programme during Term 1

FIT FOR FUN

Our pre-school Fit for Fun programme with Aubrey has resumed on Tuesday mornings again from 10.15-11.15am. If your child is aged 18 months- 4 years why not join us for the 5 week programme. A great opportunity for your little ones to develop their co-ordination, listening skills and co-operation. Cost £12.00 for 5 weeks.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have decided to pause after-school activities for a few weeks until we can monitor COVID transmission rates within our school community.

We intend to resume our Multi Skills and Football towards the end of January. We are also hoping to introduce a new programme delivered by CORE NI.

More information will follow later in the month.

