



EASTER 2023

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Friday 17th March-St Patrick's Day. School Closed.
Friday 31st March- School Closes 12.30pm for Easter Holidays.
 School reopens **Monday 17th April**

DIARY DATES

6th March- Yr 7 NSPCC Workshop
9th March- Year 1 Shared Education Forest School Trip
9th March- Year 5-7 Omagh Academy Spring Concert
10th March- Year 1 Shared Education Forest School Trip
10th March- School Council Meeting
10th March- Year 7 Sentinus Workshop
13th March -Yr 5 and 6 Dairy Council Workshop
13th March -Yr 7 NSPCC Drugs Workshop
16th March -Ulster Hockey Tournament
16th March -Yr 5-7 OHS Show Matilda
16th March -Nursery and Year 1 Mothers' Day Assembly
17th March -St Patrick's Day—**SCHOOL CLOSED**
22nd March - Primary School Rugby Blitz
22nd March - Rm 5 and 8 Dementia NI Project
26th March-2nd April—Autism Appreciation Week
29th March - Year 2-4 Easter Assembly

SAVE THE DATE

28th-30th March - Rhyme Time
30th March -the Easter Bunny is visiting Nursery and Year 1
16th March—Nursery and Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly
29th March - Year 2-4 Easter Assembly
30th March -PTFA Easter Disco
31st March -EASTER HOLIDAYS SCHOOL CLOSES 12.30 pm

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a super World Book Day. We had quiet reading and story time sessions ongoing throughout the day. The boys and girls loved coming to school in their cosy clothes. Also the younger children loved having the older children read to them. Thank you to every one who sponsored a child for the Read-a-thon. We raised just over £2000 which will be used to buy paired reading books and class novels.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ

Congratulations to Angelina, Ben, Jessie and Maddy, who won the Year 7 Credit Union Area Final Table Quiz at the weekend. The team will now take part in the All Ireland Final, which takes place in Dublin at the start of April.



PARENT INTERVIEWS

Teachers are conducting parent interviews over the next few weeks. We hope parents find these useful and informative.

Parents are reminded that should they wish to make an appointment with their child's class teacher, to contact the school office or email the class teacher.

MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY



Nursery and Year 1 are having a Mothers' Day Assembly for the special lady in their lives on Thursday 16th March. Nursery Morning Class and Year 1 parents are invited to the assembly hall at 10.30am and Nursery Afternoon Class at 1.15pm.

LINKING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Omagh Academy: Year 5-7 are delighted to be invited to Omagh Academy's Spring Concert on Thursday 9th March in the Strule Arts Centre

Omagh High School: OHS are putting on the musical "Matilda" in the Strule Arts Centre. Year 5-7 are going to the show on Thursday 16th March.

Shared Education with Holy Family PS: This year Omagh County PS and HFPS are entering a shared choir in the Tyrone Feis. This will be a new, exciting venture for both schools.



SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The following activities are continuing this half term-

- Adults Keep Fit on a Monday night.
- OHS Coaching on a Monday with Rm 8
- Fit for Fun on Tuesday (Pre-School Children)
- IFA Coaching Yr 5-7
- Mini-Movers, (Nursery and Yr 1) Swimming (Yr 7) and RM Football (Yr 1,2, 5-7) on a Wednesday.

We also look forward to our KS2 children participating in the Ulster Hockey Schools Tournament and the IRFU School Rugby Blitz.



ECO -CLUB (Bottle Tops, Stamps and Battery Collections)

The Eco-Club would like to say thank you for your support in helping to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The three projects they are running will continue this month and they would appreciate your continued support.



Bottle Tops - wash and dry any plastic bottle tops and bring them into school to your class teacher. We will be swapping the tops for some outdoor benches, tables or seats for the playground and garden areas. This project is in conjunction with SchoolCycled.

Stamp Appeal - cut off any used stamps, from envelopes and post them into the box outside the school office. The stamps will help raise money for the RNIB charity.

Big Battery Hunt - bring in any old, used batteries and give these to your class teacher.



FODC Supporting Pupil Breaks

Following on from our free breakfast club in January and February, we will be providing a break for a different year group each day during March. This is thanks to a grant from FODC allowing us to provide a food related initiative during this period of increasing food prices. The children will have the chance to prepare and share with their friends a nutritious snack of fruit and pancakes.

P.D.M.U.

As part of our P.D.M.U. Curriculum, our staff have been availing of training in Beyond Bricks and Nurture Training.

BEYOND BRICKS - is a Lego Based Play which uses a "recovery to discovery" approach, to enhance children's overall mental health and well-being, both now and in the future. This is at present being introduced with Yr 6 and 7.

NURTURE IN FIVE - provides emotional health and well-being strategies and techniques which all classes will be implementing over the next few months.

DEMENTIA NI - are running an intergenerational dementia awareness programme with Rm 5 and Rm 8. This will look at understanding how the brain works and introducing dementia awareness, both in the family and within the community. With the increase in the number of families with loved ones being diagnosed with dementia this will provide children with a greater understanding of the condition.

EASTER CELEBRATION



On Wednesday 29th March Year 2-4 will participate in an Easter Celebration. This will be a special assembly of music, song and prose to mark Spring and Easter traditions. Further information will be emailed to parents.



AUTISM APPRECIATION WEEK - Autism Appreciation Week runs from 27th March-3rd April. Our PATHS quote for March reminds us of the words of Margaret Mead, we are all "absolutely unique, just like everyone else". So stand out and be proud of who you are and follow the beat of your own drum.

