



# DECEMBER

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## School Closure

The next school closure is for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday 8th December**.



## November Assembly

Our Primary 4 children presented a wonderful assembly on Friday 27th November which was broadcast live to the whole school. They focused on Our Memories and each child spoke really well. Congratulations Primary 4.

## Christmas Jumper

We invite all children to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 10th December. This is the day of our Christmas Dinner.

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## Christmas 2020

As noted in November's Newsletter we have changed our December / January Calendar. We now finish for Christmas on Monday 21st December at 11.00am and re-open in the New Year on Thursday 7th January at the normal times for everyone. These dates are available on our website at [www.stpatricksloup.co.uk/calendar](http://www.stpatricksloup.co.uk/calendar)

Christmas Dinner will be celebrated in school on **Thursday 10th December**. The cost of dinner will be £2.60 per child. Children entitled to free meals will again be free on this day. As ever, we know those who decide to have Christmas Dinner in school will thoroughly enjoy it!!

**All children will go home at 2.00pm on this day** to allow staff to come together for their Christmas Dinner. Millennium Coaches will provide a service home for all children entitled to transport. Ulsterbus and J&K users will have to make alternative arrangements.

## Handwriting Awards November

This month we have given out handwriting certificates and prizes to children who have demonstrated great handwriting. Well done.

**Primary 1** Donnacha Rocks

**Primary 2** Ronan Boyd

**Primary 3** Thea Kelly

**Primary 4** Eimear McVey

**Primary 5** Ronan McCann

**Primary 6** Anna Marie Young

**Primary 7** Aislinn Mallon

### Switch-Off Fortnight

Well done to our Primary 5 children and Mrs Gribbin for putting together a great presentation at our virtual assembly on Friday. They promoted the message to save electricity by switching off appliances when not in use. Each class will have a switch off monitor to ensure all lights are off as they leave the class, not only saving money but saving the planet as well.



### Hip Psychology

We are delighted that some of our parents from P5 - P7 were able to join us on Wednesday night for a webinar with Cormac from Hip Psychology. It was a very informative session which I hope our parents enjoyed.

### Health & Well-Being

Building on our work in school to support all children as they return to school after such a long lock down, we are delighted to welcome Loretta Daly in P1 - P4 in Term 2 to deliver a Fresh Little Minds workshops. Loretta will be working with these classes over a 6 week period. This is being funded by St Patrick's Primary School, Moneymore Extended Schools Programme.

### Money Pouches

Booklets containing 40 pre-printed 'Money Pouches' are available for purchase at the cost price of £2.50 from the school office. Use of these money pouches should help minimise confusion for both parents and our secretary when collecting money from the children. Many thanks for paying for the week's dinners each Mondays - this is really helpful.

### Credit Union Art Competition Winners

Well done to all the pupils who entered the Ballinderry Credit Union Annual Art Competition. This year's theme was Imagine More and everyone produced some brilliant work. The winners were chosen by the staff at Ballinderry Credit Union. Congratulations to all our winners and to Koa Harris P7 as his entry was picked to go through to the next round.

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| <b>Primary 1</b> | Lucy McFlynn<br>Donnacha Rocks  | Bella Duffin                 |
| <b>Primary 2</b> | Finlay Wilson<br>Dearbhla Young | Ellen Stewart<br>Sarah McVey |
| <b>Primary 3</b> | Senan McVey<br>Erin McFlynn     | Thea Kelly                   |
| <b>Primary 4</b> | Zach Rogers<br>Ryan McNally     | Ella Rose Craig              |
| <b>Primary 5</b> | Shea Heron<br>Ronan McCann      | Conor Scullion               |
| <b>Primary 6</b> | Austin Craig<br>Lucy Maynes     | Ryan Devlin                  |
| <b>Primary 7</b> | Koa Harris<br>Rachel McVey      | Kassie Maynes                |





### November Golden Awards

Well done to our Golden Award Winners for November. It is brilliant to hear of all the great work going on in each class. The pupils' pictures are displayed in the front foyer for the month. This month's winners are:

	Golden Behaviour Award	Golden Classwork Award (1)	Golden Classwork Award (2)	Golden Class Spirit Award
<b>Primary 1</b>	Mary-Kate Owens	Heidi Lavery	Oliver Conway	Cody Kelly
<b>Primary 2</b>	Megan Rocks	Meghan McVey	Mattie McGeehan	Naomh McFlynn
<b>Primary 3</b>	Lee Owens	Isibéal Kane	Caoimhe Conway	Cloidhna McFlynn
<b>Primary 4</b>	Ronan Devlin	Ryan Conway	Caoimhe Young	Ceallaigh Wilson
<b>Primary 5</b>	Odhran Young	Tomas Devlin	Lucy Scullion	Grace McVey
<b>Primary 6</b>	Niamh Diamond	Lucy Maynes	Hayden Hughes	Joseph Curran
<b>Primary 7</b>	Conor McCann	Kassie Maynes	Cara Logan	Liam Scullion

### Parent Teacher Meetings

With the current restrictions and anxieties, we have decided to postpone the traditional face to face parent teacher meeting that usually happens in Term 1. We will review this throughout Term 2. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's progress, please contact the school office to arrange a phone call with your child's class teacher. Likewise, if any of our teachers have concerns regarding any aspect of your child's development we will get in touch with you as normal. The children are working really well and are making good progress.



### Admissions to P1 at St Patrick's Primary School September 2021

If you have a child whose 4th birthday falls on or before the 1st July 2021 you can apply for their place online from Thursday 7 January 2021 at 12 noon. The closing date and time for pre-school and Primary One applications will be **12.00 noon on Friday 29 January 2021**. [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions). Likewise if you know of anyone who has a child of statutory school age, please inform them that application forms will be available online.





### Website

Remember the newsletter, menu and lots of information can be found on our school website:

[www.stpatricksloup.co.uk](http://www.stpatricksloup.co.uk)

and to keep up-to-date you can follow the school on twitter:

[@stpatricksloup](https://twitter.com/stpatricksloup)

### Food Bank appeal

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of food / clothes donated by our parents over the last 2 weeks for Magherafelt Food Bank. It has been fantastic. A huge thank you to everyone who managed to donate something. The staff at the Food Bank pass on their appreciation. This food will be distributed in Magherafelt in the run up to Christmas.



### Open Day 2020

Due to the current restrictions we cannot hold our usual Open Day, Carol Service or Christmas Show. We hope to put together a few videos to showcase the excellent work in school especially during this festive season, and place them on the school website for everyone to see. If you would rather your child was not included in this production please inform the school before Friday 4th December.



