

**Safeguarding & Child Protection:**

*Our school Safeguarding team consists of Mr.S. Rogers & Mrs. C. Stack (Governors); Mrs R. Mc Ateer (Designated Teacher); Ms. D. Hughes (Deputy Designated Teacher); and Mr. S. Mc Kinley (Principal).*

**Child Safeguarding:**

In our last whole school review of issues relating to Child Protection and school procedures, we draw parents' attention to the procedure for removing a child during the course of a normal school day. If a parent knows in advance of an occasion when a child will be collected early from school, they should inform school in advance either in writing or through the secretary. When the child is to be collected, parents should report to the office (9.30am – 1.00pm) where Mrs Murnion will make arrangements. Thereafter, (1.00 – 2.45pm) parents should gain entrance through the front door and make contact with either the Principal / Vice-Principal. On the occasion of a child being removed early from school, parents must sign a **Register** in the office.

**Pupil Collection:**

The parking bay area at the front of the school is now clearly marked as a **BUS ONLY** area. Parents are asked **NOT** to park in this area when dropping off or collecting children, but to use the **CARPARK** and to walk their children into the school yard. This is for everybody's safety. Last year, one or both buses were unable to pull in to allow children to get on the bus safely.

**Health and Safety notice:**

We wish to remind parents that there is NO supervision in our school before 8.45am each morning. If pupils arrive before this time, they should proceed directly to the hall and NOT to their classroom.

**Beginning Year Mass:**

Our first whole school mass will be in Grange Chapel on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am**, where P7 pupils will participate in the Liturgy.

**African Drumming Lessons:**

Children from **P5 & 6** will shortly receive details of an exciting Music Project taking place in November. It's sure to be a **BIG HIT**.

**Centenary of Carlingford Lough Disaster:**

Members of Newry Maritime Association will visit our school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am** to talk to the children about the tragic events of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1916 when the SS Connemara and SS Retriever collided. We are encouraging the children to do their own research ahead of the presentation and many have been able to find interesting facts by talking to parents and grandparents. Any parents, grandparents or family members who wish to come along to hear this presentation, are most welcome to do so.

**Book Fair**

We will hold our annual school book fair during the week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> October**. Each class will be allocated a time to attend the fair and during these times we welcome parents and grandparents to attend with the children. The book fair is an important event in our school year as we continue to encourage and develop children's reading skills, it also enables us to obtain valuable reading resources for our classes as we are awarded commission on books bought by parents. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

**Library Visits:**

The P5/6 pupils continued their series of visits to Kilkeel Library this week, heading on for swimming afterwards. These pupils are taking part in the first of a series of visits that will see all our classes attend.

**Friends of Grange AGM:**

The AGM of the Parent Support Group will take place on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm**. It will be preceded at **6.30pm** by a 'Literacy Information' workshop for current Primary 1 parents. P1 parents will receive a letter detailing this event in due course.

**GL Assessment Transfer Test:**

Any P7 parents wishing their child to sit the Post-Primary Consortium Entrance Test must register their child with the Registration Centre (Sacred Heart Grammar School) **on/before 2.00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**.

**Attendance at Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Grange:**

Well done to the pupils from P2/3 who attended this week's Thursday mass.

Upcoming class participation at mass:

P1/2/3 (6<sup>th</sup> Oct); P3/4 (13<sup>th</sup> Oct); P5/6 (20<sup>th</sup> Oct); P6/7 (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov);

**Class Assembly:**

Our first assembly of this academic year will be presented by the pupils from the P6/7 class on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at our 10.00am assembly. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend.

**ETI School Visit:**

I'm sure you have been kept informed of the special guest we had visit our school yesterday, Mrs Madeline Mason, our school's District Inspector with the Education & Training Inspectorate. Please see attached letter for further details of her visit, needless to say that she left school with an informed view of just what a great school we are lucky to have. **A BIG WELL DONE** and deserved praise to ALL the pupils and staff for their efforts.

**Gaelic Coaching:**

Our P3/4 and P5/6 pupils continued with their Gaelic coaching with Ambrose Rogers on Tuesdays, provided through our association with Cumann na mBunscoil and Down County Board. To assist with the cost of this coaching we will shortly provide parents with the opportunity to purchase tickets for a draw organised by Down County Board.

**Reminder:**

**We ask children and parents to ensure there is no running up and down the recently sowed out bank in the carpark. The wildflower seed is very vulnerable to any trampling while it begins to germinate.**

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Upcoming class participation at mass:

P2/3 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sep); P1/2/3 (6<sup>th</sup> Oct); P3/4 (13<sup>th</sup> Oct); P5/6 (20<sup>th</sup> Oct); P6/7 (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov);

**Dates for the diary:**

Monday 26 September – Primary 6/7 class assembly; Connemara / Retriever presentation;

Friday 23 September – Registration deadline for 2016 GL Assessment Transfer Test;

Monday 03 October – Primary 1 pupils remain until 2.00pm

## Grange Primary School Board of Governors:

The regulatory body for our school, the Board of Governors, is constituted as below:

Mr. Sean Rogers (Chairperson & Safeguarding Representative/SELB Representative)  
Fr. Sean Dillon (Trustee)  
Mrs. Caitriona Stack (Trustee & Safeguarding Representative)  
Mr. Oliver Sloan (Trustee)  
Mr. Michael O' Rourke (Trustee)  
Mrs. Anne Mullan (EA Representative)  
Mr. Gerard Mc Givern (Dept of Education Representative)  
Mrs. Linda Mc Conville (Parent Representative)  
Mrs. Gail Digney (Teacher Representative)  
Mr. Sean Mc Kinley (Principal)

The Board of Governors meet regularly, at least once per term, to consult and make decisions in relation to all aspects of school life - curriculum, teaching & learning, administration, staffing, finance and departmental policy.

If any parent wishes to make a contribution to any aspect of school life and feels the matter should be addressed by the Governors, ***they should put the matter in writing and forward it to school, for the attention of the secretary to Grange Primary School Board of Governors. No individual Governor should be approached about any issue a parent wishes raised at a Governor's meeting.***

### ***Up at The Kingdom:***

Friday: 6.15pm P5/P6 Football; 7pm Kids Movie – The Secret Life of Pets  
Saturday: P3/P4 Football in Moy leaving 8am; P5/P6 Football in Warrenpoint;  
11am P1/P2 Football at Dunavil.  
Monday: 10am Painting Party @ Dunavil, re-imaging our entrance and corridor; paint, rollers, overalls and lunch provided, all invited.  
Wednesday: 6.15pm P1/P4 Camogie; 7.15pm U10 & U12 Camogie

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIENDS INVOLVED IN COUNTY FINALS OVER THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT. BIG OCCASIONS FOR ALL INVOLVED. BEST OF LUCK TO CLONDUFF ALSO! AN RIOCHT ABU!



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## Grange Newsletter



Well done to Daniel and Sarah-Leigh who were elected by their peers and school staff to the positions of Head Girl and Boy for this coming year.

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