



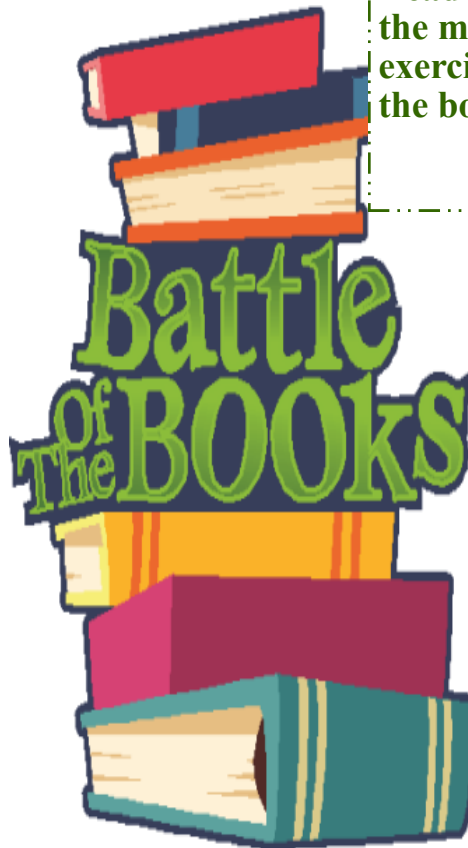
Altamuskin's March News



WORLD BOOK DAY fest

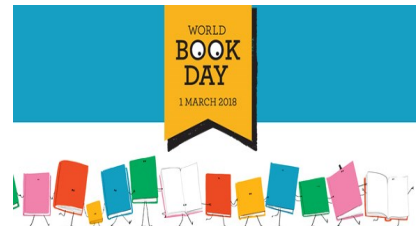
HAPPY,
A BIG, BOOKY
CELEBRATION
OF READING

To celebrate 'World book day,' **Thursday 3rd of March 2022** The children are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** Planned World Book Day activities will take place. We will have a World Book Day parade as it was such a success last year! Throughout the whole school, fifteen minutes, everyday, for a week will be dedicated to the children reading or listening to some of their favorite stories. Encourage your child to do some extra reading this week at home too!



Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

"Clearly one must read every good book at least once every ten years."
— C.S. Lewis



Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. - **Groucho Marx**



The book fair is coming to school on **Monday 4th April**. The children will get a chance to have a look at the books during the school day. You are invited in to buy books Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2pm-3:30pm. We get commission on books bought!!!



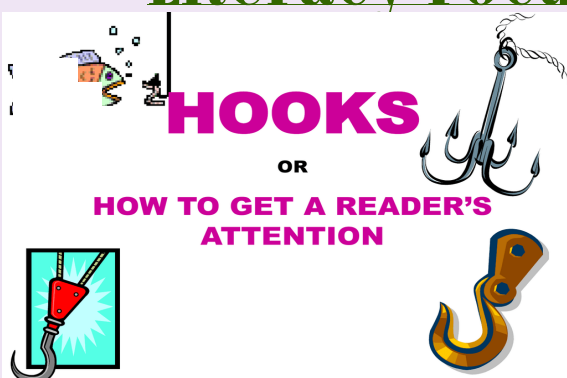
Eco Schools

We are delighted to announce that our school have signed up to the 'Productive Outdoor Learning Garden Project' in partnership with ourselves at Eco-Schools and Danske Bank. The first and big upcoming part of this project is our online 'Biodiversity and Outdoor Learning Webinar' whereby we will bring together pupils, teachers and schools

from across all our Biodiversity Recovery projects. We can't underestimate the importance of outdoor learning. Watch this space for further developments!



Literacy Focus: Author's Hooks?



This year our priority focus in Literacy is Authorial Technique; What hooks has the author used to grip the reader? At school we are enjoying learning how to identify these author hooks in narrative stories. These might be; rhyme, repetition, alliteration, rhetorical questions. Encourage your children to use these "hooks" in their creative writing too!

Road Safety



We are continually striving to make our school as safe as possible. We welcome the improvements the DFI have made to the road by painting road markings on. In addition we have organised for a Speed Device to be temporarily placed outside our school so we can monitor the speed of vehicles driving passed the school. As well as this we have organised for all classes to have a Road Safety Talk on Thursday 10th.

Numeracy Focus 2022

Our Numeracy area of focus this year is Shape and Space. You can help children learn about geometry by identifying different angles, shapes, and three-dimensional figures in everyday objects. Ask them to identify and describe different shapes, to draw them in the air with their finger, to trace over them with their fingers, and to draw them on paper. Encourage children to observe and describe things they can see from unusual and usual angles also, such as from the top of the swing, from looking through their legs, or from the view they have when lying on their backs. These experiences will help children to understand the concepts of position and spatial viewpoints.



Punctuality

Punctuality is an important discipline to learn for all the children at Altamuskin. We ask that children arrive before 9.15am so that they don't miss any part of lessons that start promptly at this time. Children arriving after 9.15 am are marked as absent from the morning session. Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.-Thank you.



The dates that the children are off for St. Patrick's day: Thursday 17th and Friday 18th, returning 21st Monday March 2022. Wednesday 16th March will be a "Green Day" -All children can come to school dressed in green! Happy St. Patrick's Day from the team at St. Brigid's P.S-Enjoy your break.

Healthy Eating School

In St Brigid's P.S, we aim to ensure that all aspects of food and nutrition in school promote health and well-being of pupils, staff and visitors to our school.

All recent studies show that obesity is increasingly prevalent among children.

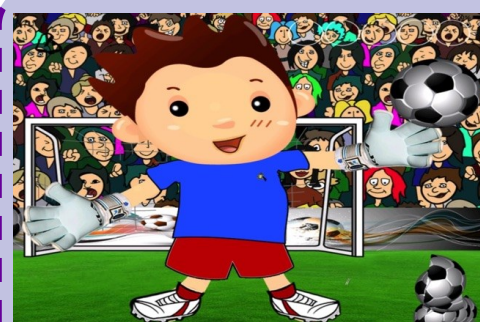
The school is a key setting in which to improve both health and educational achievement. Good health and effective learning go hand in hand, and schools have the potential to play an active part in shaping attitudes to health. Central to this is the importance of investing in a healthy school. This focuses on both the organisation and the taught curriculum by adopting a 'whole school' approach. It brings together and promotes all aspects of health, while givin-

schools the flexibility to focus on their particular local needs.

This month we will be reviewing our Healthy eating Policy. You can help by ensuring that you send fruit/vegetables/ yoghurt with your child for break and lunch time.



We welcome Miss Lauren Mc Caughey to our teaching team. Miss Mc Caughey : P1/2.



Blitzes: P4-7 It's that time of year again...we are looking forward to getting to play matches with our neighbouring schools...first up is St. Malachy's Vs St. Brigid's at SCC this Friday 3rd March. Wear football gear to school and bring a water bottle and waterproof gear! Next up will be Thursday 10th is in Garvaghy. More info to follow.

Lent 2022-What will you do?

This year Pancake Tuesday falls on Tuesday, 1st March and Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, 2nd March. It marks the beginning of six and a half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. The ashes from the palms

(which have been blessed), that have been kept from last year's Palm Sunday, are mixed with holy water to make a greyish paste. When people go to church on Ash Wednesday, the priest dips his thumb in the paste and uses it to make the

sign of the cross on each person's forehead.



HELP FOR UKRAINE



Hilltop Flying Club is organising 3-4 lorries (depending on donations) to travel to Poland to provide Ukrainian evacuees with basic living essentials.

Drop off location:

Hilltop Flying Club

Altamuskin, Sixmilecross, BT79 9JA

Times:

Mon-Fri

10am-1pm & 6:30pm-9pm

Sat-Sun

12pm-4pm



Essentials required:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, towels, toiletries, nappies, first aid items
- Men, women, and children clothing
- Non-perishable food - tinned & long-life products
- Children's toys, colouring books, crayons, board games etc
- **Any Help would be Appreciated**

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