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Dates for your Diary:

Monday 17th to Friday 21st October 2022

PE Think Pink Fundraiser

Wednesday 19th October 2022

HPV vaccinations for Years 9 and some Year 10s

Tuesday 18th October 2022

8S & 8O Breckenhill

Wednesday 19th October 2022

9A, 8A & 8W Breckenhill

Thursday 20th October 2022

Year 8 Safety Bus talks

Thursday 20th October 2022

Year 10 Induction Evening for parents at 7pm
Assembly Hall

Tuesday 25th October from 9:00-10:30am.

Year 12 OCN Level 1 Application of Number external exams

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Presentation Afternoon starting at 1pm
Early finish for all pupils at **11.45am**

Thursday 10th November 2022

Year 12 Parents' Afternoon

General Information:

Energy drinks: these are not to be brought/consumed in school. If they are, they will be confiscated.

Senior school ties: are now available to purchase via ParentPay and for collection from the school office.

Vaccination forms: Parents of pupils in Years 8 to 12 – all Flu vaccination Forms must be signed and returned ASAP, regardless of whether your child is having vaccination or not.

HPV Vaccine: The School Immunisation Team are offering the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine) for **Year 9** and catch-up **Year 10**, on **Wednesday 19th October**. HPV vaccine will protect your child against HPV infection and associated cancers. Please contact the School Immunisation Team with any questions or queries on Tel 028 25313151. On the morning of the vaccination please ensure that your child has breakfast. It is also essential that parents notify the school nurse if their child is unwell or has a high temperature on the morning before the vaccinations take place. This may mean that your child will not receive the vaccine and may have to be followed up by their GP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr Nicholl or the School Nurse, N Yetman.

Facebook link: Our official school Facebook page can be found using the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083516072741>

SU: will meet on Wednesday in Mrs Campbell's Geography room period 6 for Year 8 and 9 and period 7 for Year 10 and 11. All pupils are welcome.

Music Tuition Fees: Could we ask that any outstanding payments for string lessons, brass lessons (with Mr Doherty) or general instrumental hire are settled through the **Parent Pay App by Friday 21st October 2022?**

Science Club: Due to presentation afternoon, the final Science Club before half-term will take place on Wednesday 19th not Wednesday 26th October 2022.

The National Cyber Security Centre have opened registration for the CyberFirst Girls Competition for 2023. They are looking for Year 9 pupils who identify as female. <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-ncsc/what-we-do> (2m 9s)

Year 10 parents: The Year 10 Information Evening is at 7:00pm. The evening will cover a number of areas but will focus on supporting your child as they work towards making option choices for Key Stage 4.

OCN Level 1 Application of Number external exam: Pupils in the Year 12 Maths classes of 12Y/Ma3 and 12Y/Ma4 are completing their Essential Skills Level 1 external paper on **Tuesday 25th October** from **9:00-10:30am**. Pupils should get signed in with their class teacher and then make their way to the Gym for the exam. It is the responsibility of the pupils to ensure they arrive at the exam with all the correct equipment.

Music Theory Club: is on every Friday, room 155. This is for any musicians in years 8-14, GCSE or A level students who need to improve their music theory knowledge or complete their theory grades.

Junior Choir: is on Tuesday junior lunch, room 155, please come along for some fun and singing! Thanks Miss Francis

The PTA: The PTA is now known as BFFS (Ballyclare Friends and Family Society), are planning on putting together two hampers to ballot for each night of the school production. If you have any items that you could donate to this, can you please get your child to bring them to Miss Dunwoody. Any parent wishing to join the BFFS, please leave your name with the school office.

Blythswood Shoe box appeal: It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas. Shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. (Blythswood). All our pupils have been invited to take part in this worthwhile appeal. In class assembly time, class teachers will discuss and help collate items for the boxes. As a school, over 80 boxes were donated as Christmas presents in 2021. The deadline for donating items to the appeal is Monday 7th December. Below is a link to Blythswood's website/video <https://blythswood.org/shooboxappeal/>

Think Pink: The PE Department will host their annual 'Pink' week on Monday 17th-Friday 21st October. All pupils are invited to dress in pink during their PE classes to raise awareness for the charity Cancer Focus. They should wear their full PE kit on PE days and change into their pink items at the beginning of their lessons. There will be prizes for the most creative pink outfits! Last year the total raised through this appeal was an amazing £800! A donation of £1 is requested, this should be paid in advance using Parent Pay. Sponsorship sheets are also available for those wishing to raise money for this wonderful cause, please see Ms Oliver for these. All sponsorship forms and cash should be brought back into school for Friday 28th October.

Merchandise will also be available to purchase each day. These should be paid for using cash.

Lidl Sport for Good programme: Lidl Northern Ireland is launching their 2022/23 Sport for Good Programme which works in partnership with the children's charity Youth Sport Trust. The aim of the programme is to promote positive mental health amongst secondary school pupils in Northern Ireland by bringing together Olympic and Paralympic heroes and sporting legends, to lead specially-designed workshops that teach students how to use the power of sport to improve resilience and enjoyment of exercise, as well as increased self-esteem and confidence to participate in future sport. Lidl Northern Ireland shoppers can nominate their local secondary school to win a place on the Sport for Good programme, as well as £1,000 worth of brand-new sports equipment, by visiting their local Lidl store and making a purchase to receive a qualifying Lidl receipt containing a 10-digit code. Receipt codes must be submitted online along with the secondary school nomination for a chance to win.

Entries can be made via the dedicated Sport for Good online entry form at lidl-ni.co.uk/lidl-community-works. The competition is open now until Sunday, October 16th 2022.

We would encourage staff, pupils and teachers to nominate our school so that we have the chance to win a place on this exciting programme, and to win the £1,000 of sports equipment.

Free School Meals: We would encourage you to submit valid applications as soon as possible so that all eligible applicants for Free School Meals recorded on the EA's system.

PWC NI Twilight event for years 13 & 14: Please see the attached flyer for the event to be held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 7pm, please register by Friday 28th October 2022.

House Points:

Lindsay 7

Ollar 7

McConnell 6

Collin 10

Canteen Menu:

WEEK 4				
Breaded Fish Steak Burger Pizza Slice Chip Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	BBQ Chicken & Noodles Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Coleslaw Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta/noodle & Sauces Salad Bar	Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner Toasties Soda Bread Pizza Pizza Slice Soup of the Day Wheaten Bread Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Mince pie Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Past & Sauces Salad Bar	Chicken Goujon Hot Dog Pizza Slice Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar

Selection of baguettes, paninis and wraps made to order daily

Thought For The Week:

