



St. Malachy's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Tomorrow night, Wednesday 19th October, we will gather to give thanks and to celebrate the life of St Malachy's Primary School with Archbishop Eamon Martin in St Malachy's Church at 7.30 pm.

There has been a school here on this site continually since 1770. The second report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland (September 16, 1828) shows an entry for the old school so we can assume it came into existence circa 1820. Previous to that the school would have been located in the Chapel as the census of 1770 shows a William McKee, Schoolmaster residing in Castle Street (taken from notes by T.G.F. Paterson). Therefore, we can rightly claim to be the oldest Catholic primary school in the City of Armagh. Please join us tomorrow evening and afterwards back in school. We would welcome volunteers to help afterwards back in school.

Friday 21st October is a School Development Day. Teaching staff will be joining the staff of St Patrick's School to do a 1 day course on computer programming/coding. We had no input into the choice of date for this course. There are 5 such SDDs in the school year. We use them all wisely but some are pre-chosen for us.

Please find attached a sponsor card (1 per family). In this the 60th anniversary of this school building we would ask that you make special effort to achieve the target of £2,000. This money will go directly to maintaining adequate resources for all pupils. The walk is scheduled to take place at **9.30 am on Wednesday 26th October**, weather permitting.

Teachers are now completing schedules for the parent teacher meetings on **Friday 28th October**. Please contact your class teacher to confirm a time and date appropriate for you.

We look forward to holding our pumpkin carving competition. Pumpkins are to be in school by **Thursday 27th October**. There will be a first, second and third overall prize and a first prize for each class sponsored by the PTA. All pumpkins are to be clearly labeled and can be taken home on Friday 28th October.

Our Hallowe'en Disco will be held on **Thursday 27th from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm**. Children can come to school on that day in fancy dress and wear fancy dress to the disco. There will be a charge of £3 for the disco. The disco is for children who attend this school only.

Yours sincerely

PAUL DUGGAN
Principal