

GILNAHIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE





Dear parent,

I hope you have had a good week.

At the start of this week's update, let me draw your particular attention to:

- ***Update on School Dinner booking - parents of children entitled to Free School Meals, please take particular note.***
- ***Child Protection reminders for Term 1.***
- ***Whole School Photos information***
- ***Sponsored walk times (Friday 18th September)***

Plus lots of other information...

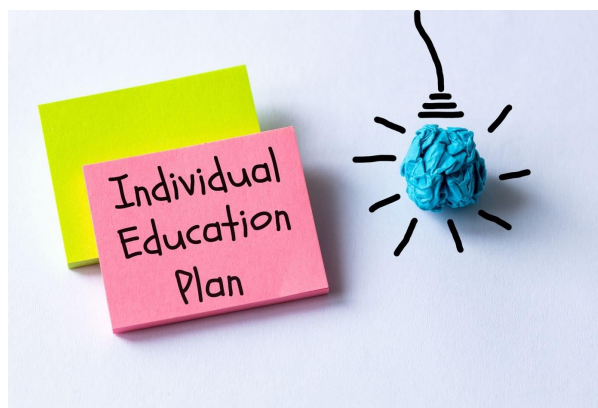
SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT WEEK...

After much back and forth, the SchoolMoney system appears to be largely back up and running, with a few technical hitches still to be ironed out.

Hopefully you have been able (or will be able) to go on and pay for dinners for next week. If your child is taking paid dinners, make sure you have paid through the system by midnight on Sunday before each week.

Important note: *If your child is entitled to **Free School Meals**, do not attempt to book them on the system as you would normally, as you may well be charged. Instead, please send a note to the class teacher on Monday morning with the days your child is taking dinners next week.*

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs) - PARENTS' VOICE...



If your child is on an IEP, you will receive a letter on **Monday 14th September**, inviting your views before the IEP is written during the week commencing Monday 21st September.

Please return the information to your child's class teacher by **Friday 18th September** at the latest.

WASP WOES!



This week, we have experienced some issues with increased wasp activity around the school grounds and particularly in the Morrow Hall, leading to closure of the Hall for a few days. A small number of children have unfortunately been stung. The issue has been raised with EA Maintenance and they have assured us that pest control will be out to school to solve the problem - hopefully before the end of today (Friday).

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS - REMINDER...



Cool for School Photography

*If you have not yet registered your child for individual and family photos to be taken on **Monday 14th September**, please do so using the link below, if you wish them to have their photo taken.*

Cool for School photography will be in school on Monday 14th September to take individual and family photos.

For your child to have their photo taken, you must register at the following link (even if you have registered before):

<https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?code=GHIRK26>

The graphic below outlines the steps you need to take to register

Cool for School Photography

To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!

Register Now!

Complete online registration to ensure your child's photo is taken this year. Just follow these **three** simple steps.

Please register by **7pm** the day before Photoday

Get ready for
PHOTODAY!

Monday 14th Sept



STEP 1

Grab your phone or PC and go to orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter this unique school code.

GHIRK26



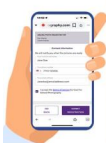
STEP 3

Fill in **Pupil's** name, choose **their** class from drop down menu Click Add Child.

If a sibling photo is required, complete additional section.

Click **Confirm and Continue** then enter your contact details

Scroll down and Click **Submit Registration**



That's it! After you have hit submit you should receive a confirmation email that your child or children have been registered successfully.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our website for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our us on ...02892683966



'MILES TO MAYO' SPONSORED WALK...



As you will know from previous updates, we are completing a sponsored walk in Tullycarnet Park in support of the 'Miles to Mayo' event on **Friday 18th September**. Please see below for the schedule. If you are free at the time that your child's year group is doing their walk, feel free to come down and cheer them on!

You can read more about Rory's fantastic fundraising efforts [here](#)

Please return your child's sponsor money on the day of the walk or as soon after that as you can. Remember, every penny counts, so just whatever you can manage to raise - it will all be put to good use.

Sponsored Walk times...

P6 - 9.00am (to allow for swimming later in the morning)

P1 - 9.20am

P2 - 9.40am

P3 - 10.00am

P4 - 11.00am

P5 - 11.20am

P7 - 11.40am

As part of the wider fundraising effort, Mrs KJ and her husband Roger will complete their first marathon, from Bangor to Belfast and passing through Stormont. If you're out and about around Stormont on Sunday, why not give them a cheer along the way.



CHILD PROTECTION REMINDERS FOR TERM 1...

By way of reminder, the following staff fulfil the key child protection roles at Gilnahirk Primary:

- Designated Teacher for CP - Mrs Thelma Johnston
- Deputy Designated Teacher for CP - Mr David Corbett

- Designated Governor for CP - Mr Alan Morrow
- Chair of Governors - Mr Graeme Allen

In their roles as SENCo and Vice Principal, Mrs McCaffrey and Mr Halliday both also play crucial roles in our whole school safeguarding and child protection.



Our Child Protection Policy can be found at this link: <https://www.gilnahirkps.org.uk/school-information/key-information> - scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link for the CP policy.

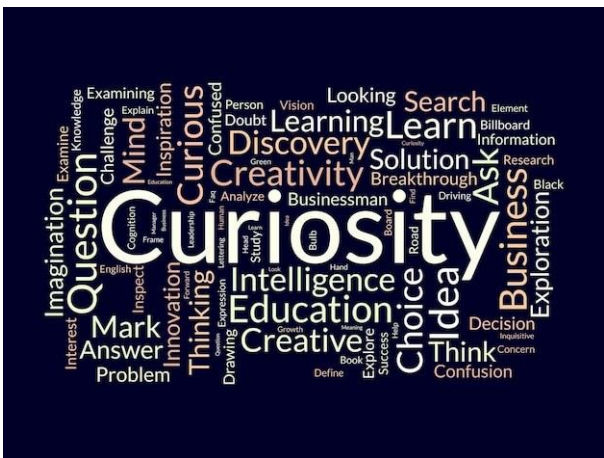
LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL FOR P2-P3

P2-3 Lunchtime football with Coach Matthew will start on Tuesday 15th September. If your child wants to sign up, they can do so using the booking details on the graphic below



GILLY'S GILNAHIRK VALUES...

What better value to start off a school year than CURIOSITY - we spent a short time in assembly last week thinking about this Gilly's Value, encouraging the children to always be curious, to ask questions, to find out more!



THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...



1 - Super Rainforest topic title pages in P4.



2 - Brilliant reading activities in P3.



3 - Some lovely art work in P3.



4 - Fantastic recount writing in P3

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS...

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If you are involved in any community linked activities and would like to promote them through our weekly update, please feel free to send to me via email

dcorbett546@c2kni.net



RIDGEWAY ROVERS FC 2015s

PLAYERS WANTED

RED & BLUE LEVEL PLAYERS

Looking for Red & Blue level players to come join our established SBYL squad who will play SBYL Div1 this season.

Now is the time to get involved and long term progression to H&W Welders FC within our established player pathway.

★ **1 SESSION PER WEEK WITH A UEFA PRO. LICENSED COACH**

 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT Focused on individual and team growth	 FUN & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT Encouraging enjoyment, respect and teamwork	 FA QUALIFIED COACHES Expert coaching, qualified and dedicated	 LONG TERM PROGRESSION Clear pathway and opportunities to succeed
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INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH!

CONTACT TODAY
ANDREW
07846558564

 RIDGEWAY ROVERS FC |  @RIDGEWAYROVERSFC

5 - Ridgeway Rovers - players born in 2015 wanted!



Free event

Autumn Fair

Botanic Gardens

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September
12.30pm - 5.30pm

Celebrate the season with autumnal treats and blooms, family fun activities, live entertainment and more

 **Belfast**

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/autumnfair

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community
blood donation session!

VENUE

Presbyterian Church Hall
Dundonald

DATE & TIME

Tuesday 15 September
12:30 – 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



www.NIBTS.org

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
FREE WORKSHOP

Worry to Wonder

A workshop for parents of primary school aged
children exploring why our children worry and
ways we can support them.

PICK THE DATE/TIME THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
7-8.30PM	10-11.30AM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM	ONLINE VIA ZOOM

CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
0808 8020 400



SOME KEY DATES FOR TERM 1



- **Friday 25th September** - school closed for staff development (TransformEd day)
- **Monday 28th September - Thursday 1st October** - P7 parent teacher interviews
- **Monday 19th October - Thursday 22nd October** - P1-6 parent teacher interviews
- **Friday 23rd October** - last day of half term - early finish (12.30)
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October** - school closed for half term break
- **Monday 2nd November** - school resumes for new half term
- **Thursday 3 December** - Flu vaccination day
- **Friday 4 December** - Open morning for new P1 parents of children due to start school in September 2027.
- **Saturday 5 December** - Christmas tree sale and fair (details to be confirmed)
- **Tuesday 8/Wednesday 9 December** - P1-3 Nativities (further details will be provided)
- **Wednesday 16 December** - Carol Service in Our Lady and St Pat's College Hall (7pm)

Enjoy your weekend.

With kind regards

D Corbett

Principal.

***HAVE A NICE
WEEKEND***