



GARRYDUFF NEWS

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PART TIME SPEED LIMITS

You may already have heard, the very welcome news, that Garryduff has been selected as one of 100 schools across Northern Ireland to receive part time speed limit signs. They will be 20mph limits. These will not operate all the time but will instead work during times children are coming to and from school. We have no confirmation of when this will be rolled out.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Letters from the School Nursing Team about flu immunisations are being sent home in homework folders on **MONDAY**. They have already arrived in school and will be quarantined until Monday. Please look out for them in homework folders, fill them in and **return to school in folders on Friday**. It is important these are completed even if you do not wish your child to be immunised.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP REFUND

We received a letter this week from Gowan Travel who organise our residential trip each year. They are in a position to refund some of the non-refundable deposit that you paid. This £20 refund will be sent home on Monday. Please look out for it in homework folders.

ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you to everyone who has been using our new system for ordering school meals. It is great that you are all **ordering meals on a Friday** for the week ahead. If you forget what day your child is having school meals **the dinner menu for the week will be available on the school website under the Parent Section - Dinner Menu**. It is also a good idea to take a photo of the order form before you send it into school on a Friday.

FLU IMMUNISATION

As in previous years children are being offered flu immunisations this year. Our immunisations will take place on **Monday 19th October** and will be delivered by the school nursing team.

MATHLETICS - P3-P7

We are developing our use of Mathletics this year. As children complete their 3 set tasks each week, as part of their homework activities, they earn points. These points then go towards bronze certificates each week and after 5 bronze certificates are awarded this will be turned into a silver certificate and then in turn 4 silver certificates are turned into a gold certificate. Which class will win their first gold certificate? We are encouraging children not only to complete the set activities but to also complete additional activities available as part of Mathletics to earn as many points for your class as possible. Class year groups are working together each week to earn as many points as they can to gain the school **"Super Mathlete" Trophy**. At the end of each half term there will then be a "treat" provided for the year group who have gained the Mathletics Masters trophy the greatest number of times within the half term! I wonder which class will win **the 'Super Mathlete'** trophy first? The competition begins!

AQE REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE

AQE Transfer test - registration closes on Friday 9th October.