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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
& NURSERY UNIT

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Oakfield Promotional Videos

In advance of the Pre-school (Nursery Unit) and Primary One admissions processes in January 2021, we have uploaded 6 wonderful videos on to our school website and Facebook page for everyone to view and share, including new and prospective Oakfield families. Their running order is:

1. **Gruffalo Trail** (4.12.20) Nursery children explore the Gruffalo trail around Oakfield PS;
2. **Virtual Tour Nursery Unit** (7.12.20) A focus on learning in our Nursery Unit;
3. **A few thoughts from the extended Oakfield family** (8.12.20) Parents' perspectives on why they chose Oakfield;
4. **Q & A video with George McCluskey** (9.12.20) The Principal answers questions submitted by parents;
5. **P1 Snapshot** (10.12.20) A focus on life as a P1 child at Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit ;
6. **Our Nursery – P7 school tour** (11.12.20) Full virtual tour of all Oakfield pupils & their 8-year journey with us.

We hope you enjoy these videos and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Mr McCluskey on 02893351352 or gmccluskey739@c2kni.net or Mrs Wylie (Head of Nursery Unit) on 02893369812 or kwylie429@c2kni.net. We invite our current parents to share these videos with anyone considering schools for their Nursery or P1 children for September 2021. Many thanks to all staff, pupils and parents for their involvement in the videos and special thanks to Mrs Wylie & Miss Bill for co-ordinating their production. A talented team!

Virtual Christmas Celebrations

We hope you have the opportunity to view our Seesaw Virtual Christmas over the weekend. Every class enjoyed putting together a little video for you, in lieu of our usual Christmas public performances.

Nursery & Primary One Applications for 2021

The formal application process will again be online for children wishing to start at our Nursery Unit or Primary One in September 2021. A parental portal on the Education Authority website of www.eani.org.uk/admissions will be available from **Thursday 7 January 2021 @ 12 Noon to Friday 29 January 2021 @ 12 Noon**. Verifying documents, such as birth certificates and proof of address, should be uploaded via the 'document upload' section. Please do not hesitate to ask if we can be of some assistance to you.

Thank-you

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our parents and guardians for their continued support to school staff during this most challenging of terms. I would also wish to express my appreciation on your behalf, for the commitment and dedication shown by the entire Oakfield team in continuing to support Oakfield families at this time. We look forward to the New Year with hopeful anticipation.

Christmas Holidays

There has been much speculation about when schools should close for Christmas. We plan to remain open next week, but will respect the decision made by any parent who wishes to keep their child/ren at home from Monday 14th December 2020. Our Nursery Unit pupils are due to finish for Christmas on **Thursday 17 December 2020**. Primary School classes are due to finish on **Friday 18 December 2020** with a staggered **12 Noon closing time**. Oakfield PS & NU should re-open on **Monday 4 January 2021** at normal times but will close again with a staggered 12 Noon finish.

Guidance on School Covid-19 measures during Christmas Holidays

Please note that if a member of our school community tests positive for Covid-19 during the Christmas holiday period, Mr McCluskey should be contacted on gmccluskey739@c2kni.net so that he can co-ordinate with the class/classes involved and ensure appropriate advice is relayed and followed from the Public Health Agency.

DE - No meals on Monday 4 January 2021 & 12 Noon finish

The Department of Education have made the decision that no meals are to be provided in schools on **Monday 4 January 2021** as Christmas free meals payments are being made to qualifying families up to that date. All pupils will therefore finish at 12 Noon, on a staggered basis, on our first day back after Christmas.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the entire staff of Oakfield Primary School and Nursery Unit, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful & Prosperous New Year.

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teachers for Child Protection

Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour

Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie