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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

~ 29 September 2017

September Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Elissa Robinson, Zac McCormick, Naomi Charles, Aliyah Malik.

Years 3 & 4: Olivia Fulton, Philip Snoddy, Lucy Webb, Maisie Swan.

Years 5 & 6: Mackenzie Graham, Blake Hammond, James McCormick, Oliver Whittley

Years 6 & 7: Joy Hutton, Ellie Patton, Ellie Patton ☺, Katie Lloyd

Well done, everyone!



Monthly Award

During September our monthly value was to **Be Respectful**. Well done to everyone who received monthly awards.

☺ Sophie Collins (P1)

☺ Evie McCracken (P2)

☺ Hollie Patton (P3)

☺ Emily Honan (P4)

☺ Zach Irvine (P5)

☺ Brooke Welshman (P6)

☺ Charlie Tinsley (P7)

Monthly Award for October

Be kind to others

After School Clubs Commence on 2/10/17

Monday: Football / Tuesday: Choir / Wednesday: Netball / Thursday: P7 Homework Club

Please note, there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS on the following dates:

* Mon 23 – Thurs 26 October ~ Parent-Teacher Interviews.

* Mon 30 Oct – Fri 3 Nov ~ Half-Term

After School Clubs resume Monday 6 November 2017.

***Please note: After School Clubs will finish on Thursday 7 December**

PTA Sponsored Walkathon and more.....

On Friday 13 October the boys, girls and staff of Doagh PS will be completing another 'Walkathon' around the school grounds to help raise funds for our PTA. We would be grateful if you could return your sponsor money to the Class Teacher by Thursday 26 October 2017.

All money collected will help to provide resources for our children.

The next PTA coffee morning is on 10 October – Everyone is welcome!

If you are shopping online, please remember to use easyfundraising.org. This means that we would earn a percentage of your purchase to put to school funds. Happy shopping!

Thank you in advance for your support and thank you to the PTA for the hard work they put in to raising money for the school.

Parental Interviews

Parental interviews will take place on Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 October. School will finish for all pupils at 1.55pm to allow time for interviews to take place. These interviews will provide you with information regarding your child's progress and give you the opportunity to share any concerns you may have.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest / Celebration Assembly will take place on Thursday 26 October 2017 at 9.15am in the School Hall. Each class will be contributing to the assembly. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards and then have a walk around the classes to see your child/children at work and chat to the staff. Mrs Hill is once again organising the Kilo for Kindness Appeal. Details of this will be sent home in October.

Flu Vaccination

The School Nurse will be in the school on Tuesday 7 November 2017 to give all children the flu vaccine. For the vast majority of children this is an intranasal vaccine and is given as a spray up the nose. Children who receive the vaccine will be given a copy of the Patient Information Leaflet to give to parents. Consent Forms for this vaccination will be handed out with this Newsletter. These need to be returned to school as soon as possible, please!

For your information

Roald Dahl Day

Thank you for all your help with designing costumes for Roald Dahl Day. The children (and teachers) all looked fantastic and we had a great day!!

Keeping Healthy

This year we will take part again in our Autumn Active Challenge. This will help us towards achieving our Gold status in the Sustrans Active Travel Programme. The children will collect stamps for every active journey they make to school and they may win a prize!! I look forward to seeing everyone walking, cycling or scooting to school!! This will conclude on Friday 27th October with **Neon Day** to remind us all to 'stay bright and safe' as darker mornings arrive.

Mr Dowds is in the process of organising a 'Beat the Street Together' event for Saturday Morning, 21 October. More details will follow!! This will be a free family event to encourage us all to get out walking....

As part of our Eco-School campaign, he is also introducing 'Cash for Clobber', where we can recycle old clothes and shoes (in pairs). Again, more information will follow.

SeeSaw

I hope that you are enjoying using the SeeSaw app to find out what your child is doing in school. Feedback so far has been extremely positive.

Nut Free Zone

As we have some children in school who are allergic to nuts, please ensure that no nuts/nut spreads are sent into school for break/lunch. Thank you!

Parking

Please be careful where you park when collecting/dropping off your child/ren for school. I would appreciate your support in this matter as we want to continue to play our part in helping to ease congestion in the village.

Dogs

Please remember that for Health and Safety reasons there should be **no dogs in the playground**.

Snow!

I am not hoping for snow but in the event that we have a very heavy snowfall, please keep an eye on the school website and Facebook to inform you if we have to close early. We will also contact you by telephone if necessary.

- *Please remember that our **Parent Suggestion Box** is located outside the Secretary's office. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider please pop a note into this or have a chat with a member of staff.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| OCTOBER | |
|------------------------|---|
| Mon 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn Active Challenge starts |
| Tue 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee Morning |
| Fri 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored Walk |
| Mon 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographs |
| Wed 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Action Heroes in School – Details will follow |
| Sat 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beat the Street Together! |
| Mon 23 – Thur 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-Teacher Interviews ~school closes at 1.55pm for all children |
| Thur 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest Assembly / Kilo of Kindness / Celebration Assembly Sponsored Walk money in |
| Fri 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closes at 1.55pm for mid-term holidays Neon Day £1 Autumn Active Challenge finishes |
| Mon 31 Oct – Fri 4 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HALF TERM BREAK |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Mon 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School resumes following the Half-term break After School Clubs resume |
| Tue 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu vaccination – School Nurse PTA meeting 7pm |
| Sat 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQE Test 1 |
| Tue 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee Morning |
| Thur 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Movie Night |
| Fri 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BLUE Day |
| Sat 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQE Test 2 |
| Thurs 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Evening 6.30 – 7.30pm Celebration Assembly – Be a good friend |
| DECEMBER | |
| Fri 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pantomime |
| Sat 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQE Test 3 |
| Tue 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair in school until 11 December Christmas Fair 6.30pm |
| Thur 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Clubs finish for the term - resume Monday 8 January 2018. Celebration Assembly – Be attentive |
| Tue 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee Morning : Sing-a-Long! |
| Wed 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Christmas Dinner |
| Thur 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Concert 9.30am and 7pm. All children leave school at 1.55pm and return to school at 6.30pm in their costumes. |
| Wed 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day! School closes at 12.05pm for the Christmas Holidays. |

If you require any information or would like clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me. L Brown



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School Development Plan

September 2017

This year we are focusing on the following areas of the curriculum:

Literacy

Spelling : We hope to broaden our spelling programme in order to incorporate more aspects of grammar and vocabulary.

Writing : We are introducing a Writing Record which tracks each child's progress in writing from P1 to P7. From evidence collected, the children will set purposeful targets for their writing each term.

Reading : We hope to explore a range of reading schemes and materials, with a view to creating a 'wish list' of new resources to ensure that we are catering for everyone in school.

Numeracy

UICT: We hope to incorporate ICT into our numeracy lessons using a range of apps and websites

Maths Buddies : Once a month we will 'team up' to help each other with the trickier aspects of Maths. This will include older children working with younger children

Mental Maths Activities : We will focus on ensuring that we plan for appropriate 'Maths starters' to develop important 'quick recall' skills

UICT

E-Safety : We are going to ensure that we create a progressive set of lessons on e-safety

Use of iPads : We will focus on using iPads as an effective learning tool

SeeSaw : We will introduce and explore this app as a communication tool

Assessment : We will collate UICT samples of work to create a levelled portfolio. We will level each child's skills in UICT and set appropriate targets

As you can see, it is going to be another busy year for everyone in Doagh Primary School!!