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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

~ 27 October 2017

### October Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Jack Boyd, Hannah Hill, Owen Whyte, Jessica Irvine

Years 3 & 4: Kaylee Black, Lucy Bingham, Ben Surgenor, Maisie Swan

Years 5 & 6: Will Smyth, Poppy Swan, Faye Flanagan, Shelby Johnston

Years 6 & 7: Eva Wilson, Sam Geary, Charlie Ferguson, Charlie Tinsley

**Well done, everyone!**

### Monthly Award

During October our monthly value was to **Be Kind to Others**. Well done to everyone who received monthly awards.

☺ Erin Flanagan (P1)

☺ Elissa Robinson (P2)

☺ Hannah Gilliland (P3)

☺ Ben Surgenor (P4)

☺ Matthew Morrison (P5)

☺ James McCormick (P6)

☺ Naomi Barnes (P7)



### Monthly Award for November

Be a Good Friend

### After School Clubs Re-Commence on 6/11/17

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

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

### Meet our New Eco-Council!

Congratulations to Joy, Eva, Matthew, Ethan, Ellie, Emily, Shelby, Oliver, Will and Poppy who will be helping us make many decisions about how to 'Be Green'! Their badges look very smart and are certainly well-deserved!



We are having a 'Be Green, Wear Green' day on 15 December – More details will follow.....

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Autumn Active Challenge and in our recent 'Beat the Street Together' event. It's great to see everyone 'getting active'!

We are also participating in the Wrigley's Litter Less campaign and we recorded our paper waste during this half term. A Spring Clean will follow later on in the year. In order to help us with our Eco Work, 'Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful' have just kindly given us a cheque for over £300. It certainly pays to be green!!

Thank you to Mr Dowds for all his hard work!

### **PTA Sponsored Walkathon and more.....**

On Friday 13 October the boys, girls and staff of Doagh PS had lots of fun completing our Sponsored Walk. Thank you to Mrs Hill who made our walk even more interesting by adding lots of fun obstacles along the way. We really enjoyed our snack afterwards, kindly provided by PTA. We would be grateful if you could return any outstanding sponsor money to school as soon as possible.

The next PTA coffee morning is on 14 November – Everyone is welcome! All proceeds for this coffee morning are going to ward A3 in Antrim Area Hospital in memory of Miss Bell's mum. There will also be a raffle at this event to win a hamper. Tickets are £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5 and are available from the school office.

### **Harvest Assembly**

Our Harvest / Celebration Assembly took place on Thursday 26 October 2017 at 9.15am in the School Hall. The children were absolutely fantastic!! What a talented bunch we have in Doagh Primary School. Thank you for providing your donations to Belfast City Mission.

### **Absence Notes**

The Department of Education has released new guidance on reporting absences from school. It is very important that you provide a written note explaining your child's absence on their return. We have to maintain a record of these and report regularly to the Education Welfare Officer. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **For your information**

It is with sadness that I inform you of the recent and sudden passing away of Miss Bell's mum. She is understandably taking some time off and we wish to send her our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Miss Craig will continue to cover for Miss Bell until her return.

### **Charity**

Our recent Wings Appeal raised £28.86 and our Poppy Appeal will commence after half-term.

### **Flu Vaccination**

The school nurse will be in school on 7 November 2017 to give all children the flu vaccine. For the vast majority of children this is an intranasal spray up the nose. Children who receive the vaccine will be given a copy of the Patient Information Leaflet to give to parents.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

We are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week : 13- 17 November 2017. The theme for this year is '**All Equal, All Different, Altogether**'. The children will be participating in a number of Anti-Bullying activities during the week. We will have an assembly on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November which focuses on what bullying looks like and what children should do if they think that they, or someone they know, is being bullied. The week will conclude on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November with BLUE day (Be Loving Unto Everyone). This will be a non-uniform day and the children can wear something blue to school on that day – a hair band, socks, jumper, or scarf are just a few ideas. There will be no charge for this day.

### **Dogs**

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

### **Snow/Exceptional Weather**

Now that storm Ophelia has passed, I really hope that our weather will remain stable for some time to come! However, in the event that we have unexpected weather, please keep an eye on the school website and Facebook to inform you if we have to close or close early. We will also contact you by telephone if necessary.

### **Complaints Procedure**

The Education Authority has released new guidance and, as a result, we have updated our Complaints Procedure. This is on the school website and a copy is available from the school office.

## Community Groups

If anyone knows of any local community groups who would like to avail of our hall, please let me know.

- 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

NOVEMBER	
Mon 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School resumes following the Half-term break</li><li>• <b>School Photographer is in school</b></li><li>• After School Clubs resume</li></ul>
Tue 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu vaccination – School Nurse</li><li>• PTA meeting 7pm</li></ul>
Wed 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Action Heroes are in school – part 2</li></ul>
Friday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P6/7 Drugs Education Programme Commences (and continues 17/11/17, 24/11/17, 1/12/17) More information to follow</li></ul>
Sat 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AQE Test 1</li></ul>
Mon 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-Bullying Week Commences</li></ul>
Tue 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PTA Coffee Morning</li></ul>
Thur 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PTA Movie Night</li></ul>
Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BLUE Day</li></ul>
Sat 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AQE Test 2</li></ul>
Thurs 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open Evening 6.30 – 7.30pm</li><li>• Celebration Assembly – Be a good friend</li></ul>
DECEMBER	
Fri 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pantomime</li></ul>
Sat 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AQE Test 3</li></ul>
Tue 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scholastic Book Fair in school until 11 December</li><li>• Christmas Fair 6.30pm</li></ul>
Thur 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After School Clubs finish for the term - <b>resume Monday 8 January 2018</b>. Further details will follow</li><li>• Celebration Assembly – Be attentive</li></ul>
Tue 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PTA Coffee Morning : Sing-a-Long!</li></ul>
Wed 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Christmas Dinner</li></ul>
Thur 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Concert 9.30am and 7pm. All children leave school at 1.55pm and return to school at 6.30pm in their costumes</li></ul>
Friday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be Green, Wear Green Day</li></ul>
Wed 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Jumper Day! £1 for school funds</li><li>• School closes at 12.05pm for the Christmas Holidays. There will be no packed lunches/school dinners</li></ul>
JANUARY	
Thur 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School commences after Christmas Holidays</li><li>• <b>NB School will close at 12:05 due to staff training. There will be no packed lunches/school dinners</b></li></ul>
Fri 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School returns to normal times</li></ul>

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

October 2017

### School Targets

Following the recent review of our School Development Plan and after careful consideration of the data we collected in May 2017 following Standardised Testing, we have set the following whole school targets for this year.

**Literacy : We will develop skills of accurate spelling. We will understand our spelling vocabulary.**

**Numeracy : We will solve problems accurately using our number bonds and tables.**

**ICT : We will know how to use 'Explain Everything' to explain our thinking and learning.**

We have also set targets for each class. These targets highlight specific areas for improvement.

#### **Literacy**

P1	We will learn the 42 sounds and begin to spell by blending sounds together
P2	We will improve our spelling through learning all of the 42 sounds and some tricky words
P3	
P4	We will spell familiar words accurately and use the sounds we have learned to spell unfamiliar words
P5	
P6	We will spell familiar words accurately and use the sounds we have learned to spell unfamiliar words. We will check our spelling to ensure accuracy before handing it in
P7	
P7	We will develop skills of inference when reading to deepen our understanding of the text

#### **Numeracy**

P1	We will know and use numbers up to 10
P2	We will know and use all the number bonds up to 10
P3	We will know and use all the number bonds within 20 and use them to solve problems
P4	We will know and use all the number bonds within 20 and the times tables (2,5 & 10) and use them to solve problems
P5/6	We will know and use all the times tables (2 – 12)
P6	We will measure and calculate angles accurately
P7	We will solve problems accurately, specifically focusing on Measures

#### **ICT**

P1	We will know how to use the 'Puppet Pals' app
P2	
P3	We will know how to use 'Adobe Spark' to create videos
P4	
P5/6	We will know how to use 'Mega Construx'
P6	We will know how to use a green screen through using the app 'go ink'
P7	

