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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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February Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Erin Flanagan, Holly Patchett, Logan Hammond

Years 3 & 4: Olivia Fulton, Faith Hamilton, Dale Graham

Years 5 & 6: Abi Lewis, Ethan Hughes, Matthew Morrison

Years 6 & 7: Joel Massey, Blake Welshman, Charlie Tinsley

Well done, everyone!



Monthly Award

During February our monthly value was to **Be Helpful**. We had many helpful children – Here are our winners!

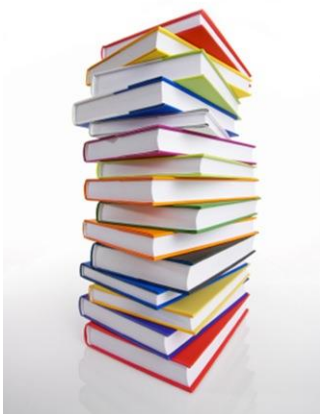
- ☺ Carley Lewis (P1)
- ☺ Naomi Charles (P2)
- ☺ Emily Beck (P3)
- ☺ Kaylee Black (P4)
- ☺ Faye Flanagan (P5)
- ☺ Lucy Boyd (P6)
- ☺ Carl Bell (P7)



Our honey pot winners were: Hollie Patton and Faye Flanagan

Monthly Award for March: Be Well-Mannered!

Board of Governors – Parent Representatives



Over the next few months our Board of Governors will be reconstituted. The new Board of Governors will take over in September 2018. There are 2 parent representatives within the Board of Governors who must be elected by parents of pupils attending the school. An elected parent governor remains in post for 4 years even if they cease to be a parent of a child attending the school. So that the process is complete by September 2018 we would ask for nominations for parent reps. Each eligible parent will be entitled to nominate candidates, to vote and stand for election. From Monday 26th February Nomination forms will be available from the school office. The form should be signed by the proposer and seconder. The nominee should also sign the form confirming his/her acceptance of a candidacy. All nominations should be returned by Friday 16th March. A meeting will then be held (date to be arranged) to elect the parent governors.

PTA events & more.....

The PTA are raising money to buy new PE mats and PE equipment and a new reading scheme for school.

Our Valentine's Disco was a great success. There were certainly lots of cool moves on the dance floor!!! We also raised a fantastic £306.87. Thank to everyone who attended and who helped out.

Our Pub Quiz is taking place on Friday 13th April in McConnell's Bar. There will be a raffle with lots of fabulous prizes. Hope to see you there!

Extreme Read

World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 1st March this year. We are planning lots of exciting activities in school. We are running a competition in school for the most 'Extreme Reading' pictures. We want to see children reading their books in strange and exciting places!! All pictures should be sent into class teachers by Monday 26th February and the winner will be picked on World Book Day.

On World Book Day Children should bring their favourite book into school on this date and please note there will be NO dress up.

Early Risers' Club

Our breakfast club is now open and is being well-attended. The children may have their breakfast (a choice of cereal and toast) and then have time to play some games. Cost is £2 daily (£1 each for extra siblings) and it opens at 8am every school morning.

Parking

Thank you for your support in being mindful of the residents who live close to school when you are dropping off or collecting your child. This ensures that everyone is safe.

For your information

Our NSPCC assemblies and workshops were very successful and reminded the children of the very important message to Speak Out, Be Safe! Our non-uniform day raised £88 for this fantastic charity.

Mega Leisure NI in Ballyclare have asked me to inform you that if you book a birthday party through them they will donate £20 to school if you mention Doagh Primary School.

Quality Tutoring Ballyclare are advertising for P4 – P6 pupils (group sessions) focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and confidence. You can contact them through qualitytutoringballyclare@hotmail.com

BALLYNATURE DAY - 24 Feb 2018 12 to 5pm in Ballynure village.

- Don't miss one of Northern Ireland's biggest nature events.
- a fun event for all and entrance is FREE.
- over 40 stands to visit, including Northern Ireland conservation organisations and many more.
- find out all about our native wildlife and see mini- beasts, birds, bats, bird of prey, ponies, pets and even snakes.
- also see and learn bushcraft, blacksmith, wood carving, artists, etc
- loads of crafts, storytelling and face painting for children

For further details, please check the Ballynure Village Facebook page.

or contact Darren Houston T: 07826038525 or E: darren.houston21@yahoo.com

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!

Dogs

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

Thank you!

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	
Thurs 1	World Book Day – children to bring their favourite book to school – NO dress up
Tue 13	PTA Coffee Morning
Tue 13	PTA Meeting 7pm
Thur 15	After School Clubs end until after Easter
Fri 16	Parent Rep nominations for Board of Governors must be submitted
Wed 21 - 23	P6 and P7 trip to East Coast Adventure
Thur 22	Celebration Assembly – Be well-mannered
Wed 28	School finishes at 12:05pm for Easter Smartie Tubes in please! £1 non – uniform School resumes Tuesday 10 th April
April	
Tue 10	PTA Charity Coffee Morning and Children’s Bun Sale: Get baking!! Money raised will go to Youth For Christ who support our school in many different ways ☺ After school clubs commence – see attached list
Thurs 12	P7 parents event – Talking About Tough Issues 6:45- 9.00pm. P7 children may come and enjoy a movie and pizza!
Fri 13	PTA Pub Quiz in McConnell’s bar
Thurs 19	P7 parents event – Talking About Tough Issues 6:45- 9.00pm. P7 children may come and enjoy a movie and pizza!
Wed 25	P6 AQE Information Session in school (6:30 – 7:00pm)
Thurs 26	P7 parents event – Talking About Tough Issues 6:45- 9.00pm. P7 children may come and enjoy a movie and pizza!

After school clubs after Easter will commence on Tuesday 9th April and conclude on Thursday 24th May 2018.

They run from 3.00 – 3:45pm except for Multi-Sports which finishes at 4.00pm.

Monday: Summer Sports (P4 – P7)

Tuesday: P6 Revision Club (specifically for those children considering entering for AQE)

Wednesday: Multi-Sports (P4 –P7) Your child will be informed if they have been allocated a place.

Thursday: Cycling Proficiency (P7 only)

Separate arrangements for Hola Bonjour and Junglenastix – see school website for dates