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# Doagh Primary School

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

~ 31 January 2019~

### January Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Sierra McConnaughie, Carley Lewis, Alan Gilliland, Conan Hall

Years 3 & 4: Leona Moir, Lucy Webb, Kurtis Dale, Jess Whittley

Years 5 & 6: Sam Lloyd, Emily Honan, Dylan Fleck, Philip Snoddy

Years 6 & 7: Joy Hutton, Abi Lewis, Zach Irvine, Faye Flanagan

**Well done, everyone!**



### Monthly Award

During January our monthly value was to **Be Honest**. Well done to everyone who received monthly awards.

- ☺ Lucas Smyth (P1)
- ☺ Ella Mills (P2)
- ☺ Darcy Johnston (P3)
- ☺ Hollie Patton(P4)
- ☺ Aimee Wilson (P5)
- ☺ Matthew Morrison (P6)
- ☺ Joy Hutton (P7)



**Our honey pot winners were:** Zachary Massey and Olivia Fulton

**Monthly Award for February: Be Helpful!**

### Congratulations to the Blue House!



The Blue House earned the most points over our first term. Children earn points for displaying good manners, showing fantastic behaviour and working very hard. They chose to have a Bouncy Castle in school as their treat and we had such a lot of fun one recent Friday afternoon.

**Who will win next term????**

### PTA events & more.....

The PTA are raising money to refurbish our data projectors and to continue to add books to our new reading scheme in school. They have just kindly purchased iPad covers for us which certainly help to protect these very valuable resources.

Our recent Family Beetle Drive was a fantastic success and we could all clearly see that there certainly is a healthy competitive nature in Doagh!! This fun family night raised an amazing £263.59!!

To help towards these goals we are also having a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Admission is £2 and tuck shop will also be available.

Each child is also going to receive a Smartie tube very soon to fill with 20p's. Once returned they will get another tube of Smarties to eat. Please have all tubes returned before the Easter Holidays.

If you are shopping online, please remember to use [easyfundraising.org](http://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 for P1 – P6 will take place on Monday 11, Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 February. 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.

## Cash for Clobber

Please remember that we are collecting unwanted clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains for recycling. Pillows and duvets cannot be recycled for hygiene reasons, but duvet covers and pillow cases can be re-used. Our school will then be paid guaranteed premium rates and a cheque will be issued to us after every collection.

Last term we received a cheque for £96.00 😊

## 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

**NB Change of Time: Due to essential First Aid Training for staff, school will close for Half Term on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. This day will be non-uniform (no charge).**

We plan to have our Big Spring Clean on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 and Sports Day and Family Fun day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. (Both of these will be weather permitting!) More details will follow.

I have attached a list of next year's proposed school holiday for your attention with this newsletter.

Our updated **Child Protection and Safeguarding policy (parental summary)** is on the school website for your information. A copy of the full policy is available on request from the office.

As your child has their own c2k username, MS Office is available free on up to 5 personal devices. To get MS Office in 4 easy steps

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your c2k username in the format [auser123@c2ken.net](mailto:auser123@c2ken.net)
3. At the next box enter (i) your c2k username auser123 and (ii) password
4. Download the version of MS office you require

## Dinners

The current dinner menu (up to 18<sup>th</sup> February) is on the school website. This is updated for each new term. Please click on the Parent's Place to download the menu. Copies can also be obtained from the school office. Dinners cost £2.60 daily and if possible please send in your child's dinner money for the week on Monday to assist with banking in school. It is also preferred if the correct amount can be sent in. Thank you!

## 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**.

*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

<b>Feb</b>	
Tue 5	Internet Safety Day
Wed 6 - 8	P7 Residential Trip to Woodhall
Mon 11	School finishes at 1:55pm <b>Mon - Thurs</b> due to Parental Interviews No after school clubs.
Tue 12	PTA Coffee Morning
Thurs 14	Peace Proms Workshop 10am Whitla Hall (further details to follow) PTA Valentine's Disco 6 – 7pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>School closes at 11:00 for Mid Term (due to staff training)</b> <b>No charge</b>
Mon 18 – Fri 22	Half term Holiday
Sun 24	Peace Proms
Mon 25	School resumes. After school re-commences
Thurs 28	Celebration Assembly – Be Helpful
<b>March</b>	
Wed 6	Class/Whole school photo
Fri 8	World Book Day – further details to follow
Mon 11	OBEX Exhibition in school (Robert Armstrong)
Tue 12	PTA Coffee Morning
Mon 25	Sustrans Big Pedal Commences
Thurs 28	Celebration Assembly – Be well-mannered
<b>April</b>	
Thurs 4	Last after school club before Easter
Fri 5	Sustrans Big Pedal concludes PTA Pub Quiz
Tue 9	PTA Coffee Morning Sing a Long
Thurs 11	Celebration Assembly – Be Fair
Fri 12	Easter Egg Roll Last day of term – All home at 12:05pm No Lunches/Dinners Non Uniform £1



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## School Development Plan

January 2019

As you are aware, this year we are focusing on the following areas of the curriculum. Recently the co-ordinators met with the Board of Governors to discuss progress to date and future plans.

**Our overall theme of the year is to deepen thinking and understanding by 'lingering for longer'.**

### Literacy

Writing: We have been focusing on combining genre writing with creative writing and poetry. We took part in National Poetry Day and some of our children had their poems published recently.

Reading: We are all enjoying using our new reading scheme and would like more titles in order to further extend variety and vocabulary.

Presentation of Written Work: We continue to focus on this as a key area and encourage children to take pride in every piece of work they do, at school and at home. We have a Bravo Board to showcase fantastic pieces of written homework.

### Numeracy

UICT: We continue to develop how to interlink Numeracy and uICT to further develop mathematical understanding and explanation.

Tracking: We have introduced a new tracking system in Numeracy where children will complete specific levelled pieces of work to deepen our understanding of how they are progressing.

Maths Buddies: We have continued our maths booster groups to help with the trickier aspects of Maths. We hope to further develop our 'buddy system which will include older children working with younger children.

### UICT

Embed: We are focusing on how to link uICT into many different areas of the curriculum.

Explain Everything: We are developing the use of this app to encourage children to show, explain and verbalise their thinking process and therefore enhance their learning.

Digital School: We are currently beginning to build evidence to become an accredited Digital School.

Internet Safety: This continues to be a priority with specific lessons taught within each year group. Safer Internet Day will be celebrated in school and this was also linked into Anti-Bullying week

As you can see, we have been very busy!! Thank you to all our co-ordinators for all their hard work to date.