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# Doagh Primary School

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER –

~ 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 ~

### March Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Isaac Gray, Alan Gilliland, Ryan Mitchell, Jed Honan

Years 3 & 4: Hollie Patton, Shae Cleland, Dale Graham, Molly Relph

Years 5 & 6: Blake Hammond, Alex Steele, Riley Hunter, Ben Surgenor

Years 6 & 7: Ethan Hughes, Isla Malone, Jorja Dempster, Matthew Morrison



*Well done, everyone!*

### Monthly Award

During March our monthly value was to **Be Well-Mannered.** Awards were given to those children who displayed exceptional manners.

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| ☺ Mason McCullough (P1) | ☺ Lucy Webb (P4)       |
| ☺ Ethan Johnston (P2)   | ☺ Emily Honan(P5)      |
| ☺ Evie McCracken (P3)   | ☺ Rory Johnston (P6)   |
|                         | ☺ Brooke Welshman (P7) |



**Our honey pot winners were: Rory Johnston and Blake Hammond**

**Monthly Award for April: Be Fair!**

### Our Big Spring Clean



After the success of this event last year, we are planning to have another Gardening Morning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 from 9:30 – 11:30am (weather permitting). Inver Garden Centre in Larne have kindly agreed to help us again and will be there to give advice and a helping hand. As we are an Eco School we feel it is very important to take care of our school and our village. Our plan is to tidy up our school grounds, plant up pots and boxes and brighten up our school in time for this year's long-awaited Spring! Staff and children will all be involved (It will, of course, be a non-uniform day!). We also hope to invite our local playgroup to join us and they will be able to take some planters back to brighten up their place too! If you are willing and interested in joining us, or have any ideas to help us along the way, please speak to Ms Tang in the office. Everyone is very welcome to join us in this community event. We hope to see you there! In order to make a start, Will Davey has already been busy planting up our window boxes at the front of school. Thank you Will, they look really well.

### World Book Day

We celebrated this annual event with a visit from Steve Lally, a local author and story teller. He had us all enchanted and amused as he told us some wonderful stories. It was a very enjoyable learning experience for everyone. Thank you to Mr Dowds for organising this great event.

### 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.

### Dinner Money Reminder

**Our school dinners continue to be very popular and I wish to ask you for your help in the administration of these. Please remember: -**

- Children can purchase dinners for the whole week or for particular days. **Dinners must be ordered on a Monday.**
- **Dinner money is required on Monday** for the full week or for whichever days your child is taking dinner. **Please try to ensure the correct amount is sent in when placing your order.**
- School dinners cost **£2.60** and a copy of the weekly menu can be obtained from the school office or accessed on the website.

### For your information

#### PTA

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!

Please remember to return your Smartie tubes before Easter. Any money raised will be put towards our fabulous new reading scheme for our school/painting the back of our school. Thank you!

We had a wonderful charity coffee morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised a phenomenal £310.00 for this very worthwhile cause. Please remember it's our Spring Sing coffee morning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – We hope to see you there!

### Easter Arrangements

Our Easter Egg Rolling Competition will be held in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Please send in a decorated hard-boiled egg in an appropriate container on that morning. It will also be non-uniform on this day (£1) and school closes at 12:05pm with no dinners or packed lunches.

### 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!

### Being Healthy

As we endeavour to continue to promote a healthy lifestyle, it has been great to see everyone taking part in our Daily Mile and it is beginning to become part of our daily routine. In order to further extend this, may I remind you that we are a Healthy Eating School and snacks such as crisps, chocolate, sweets and biscuits should be kept for Friday Treat Day. Thank you for your support in this matter – keeping our children fit and healthy!

*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

### April 2019

Children may wear summer uniform; P7 may wear hoodies to school

Monday 29	After school clubs start <b>Mon:</b> Summer Sports (P4 – 7), <b>Tue:</b> P6 Revision Club (AQE), <b>Thur:</b> Cycling Proficiency (P7 only), <b>Fri:</b> Playsport Football Separate arrangements for Hola Bonjour and Junglenastix
Tue 30	PTA Meeting 7pm

### May 2019

Wed 1	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme commences in school 1:30 – 2:30pm <b>P6 AQE Information Session for parents in school @ 6:30pm</b>
Thurs 2	Closed for Election
Fri 3	Big Spring Clean (9:30 – 11:30) Non uniform – please wear clothes suitable for gardening and bring gardening tools if possible  P6/7 Swimming commences (also non-uniform today)
Mon 6	School Closed
Wed 8	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme continues
Fri 10	P7 Drugs awareness sessions commence (to take place over next 4 weeks) Further details to follow
Mon 13	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme continues
Tue 14	PTA Coffee Morning
Wed 15	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme continues P6/7 will be attending Bee Safe during school either Wed/Thurs TBC: Further details will follow
Thur 16	Shining Light Football commences P6/7 (in school time) 16/5/19, 23/5/19, 6/6/19, 13/6/19 <b>Talking About Tough Issues: P7 Parents session – 7 – 9pm (Inflatable Fun for those children whose parents attend!)</b>
Sat 18	P7 school allocation for September
Mon 20	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme continues
Tue 21	School closes at 12 noon for May Fair; Packed lunches will be available to order from the school kitchen on this day.
Wed 22	P7 YMCA Building Up Programme concludes
Thurs 23	<b>Talking About Tough Issues: P7 Parents session – 7-9pm</b>
Mon 27	School Closed
Tue 28	School Closed
Thurs 30	Celebration Assembly – Be Enthusiastic! Last after school club <b>Talking About Tough Issues: P7 Parents session – 7 – 9pm</b>
Fri 31	Sports Day/Family Fun Day 1pm onwards (weather permitting)
<b>June</b>	
Mon 3, Tue 4	P7 Moving On Programme (Youth For Christ) 9:30 -11:45
Thurs 6	<b>Talking About Tough Issues: P7 Parents session – 7 – 9pm</b>
Fri 7	Teddy Bears' Picnic with P1/2 and Doagh Playgroup
Tue 11	PTA Coffee Morning

Friday 14	Induction afternoon for new P1 parents and children (2:15pm)
Tue 18	Ballyclare High School P7 induction evening
Wed 19	Whole school trip to W5 – further details to follow
Thur 20	P7 leavers’ dinner – further details to follow
Fri 21	P6 Familiarisation Morning in Ballyclare High School Prize Day/P7 Leavers’ Assembly 1:30 – 3pm Reports ready for collection from school office P7s last day
Thur 27	Celebration Assembly – Be a good sport Fun Day in School – further details to follow
Friday 28	School finishes 12:05pm; Non uniform; No packed lunches or dinners