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Principal: Mrs

March

well hello, march

2020

DIARY DATES

Mon 2nd: P1/2 Shared Play @ St Michael's PS
Quiz Team @ Road Safety Competition Finals in Cookstown
Tues 3rd: Highland Dancing
Wed 4th: SU continues
World Book Day
Book Swap Shop
Rev Stockitt Assembly
Tues 10th: Highland dancing
Wed 11th: SU
Thurs 12th: P5/6 Shared Education Trip to the Ulster American Folk Park
Cross Country Event @ Holy Cross (P6/7)
Rev McCrea Assembly
ECO Club 3-4pm
Mon 16th and Tues 17th: School Closed
Wed 18th: SU
Thurs 19th: CEF Assembly
ECO Club 3-4pm
Tues 24th: Springfest
Highland Dancing
Wed 25th: P4-P7 PSNI Safety Talks
SU
Thurs 26th: K'Nex Team @ stage 1 competition
Digital Families Event
ECO Club 3-4pm
Fri 27th: Celebration Assembly
Mon 30th: Green Day and No waste lunch boxes week
Tues 31st: Highland Dancing

This month's recognitions

Travis in Mrs Young and Miss Sayers' class
Holly in Miss Nutt's class

in Mrs McCusker and Miss Sayers' class
Maggie in Mr Potts' class
Archie in Mrs Timoney's class
Darci - Writer of the Month

Smooth running of our school

As we are sure you can appreciate, there is a substantial amount of administration involved in the daily running of our school. To ensure it runs smoothly and with as little unnecessary extra work as possible we have systems in place that ensure the smooth running of our school and would request your cooperation by adhering to these simple requests:

- ⇒Return completed afterschool booking forms with money attached by the date on the letter
- ⇒Send dinner money on a Monday for the week ahead in a clearly labelled envelope
- ⇒Only send money to school in a clearly labelled envelope - child's name, amount enclosed, what the money is for
- ⇒Read our monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with happenings in school
- ⇒Speak to school staff in a polite and respectful manner
- ⇒Collect children on time

We are unable to continue with the current situation and would appreciate your effort in following the requests above. Thank you.

Website

Our own school website is updated regularly with lots of wonderful information and photos of what we are

doing in our school. The Facebook feed is also on our homepage for people to see and the calendar shows the upcoming events at school. The App has all this information too and is an easy way to check what is happening in school. We hope to use the App for the majority of our communication in the next year or so, including private messaging instead of the text service and permission forms, so please download it in advance. If you have not yet returned the permission for the App please do so ASAP so we can begin to use it more.

Our learning plans for February:

P1/2: Literacy: Super worm and owl babies book study, Phonics, Numeracy: Addition and subtraction, Money, Data handling and Problem solving
WAU: Growing is Great!
ICT: Mental maths/Phonics games, Beebot and typing their name/sentence.

P2/3: Literacy: Story Writing and Poetry
Numeracy: Fizz Buzz x 5, subtraction within 100, tens and units addition / subtraction
WAU: Animals in Winter
ICT: Animal Fact Page, Mental Maths and Spelling Shed

P4: Literacy: Six Dinner Sid alliteration and sequel writing
Numeracy: Fractions linked to division, time, symmetry
WAU: Inside the Tomb — Egypt.
ICT: Google research - fact files, Bee

Bots programming, Power point.

P5/6:

Literacy: Poetry, Newspaper activities, their/they're/there, prepositions, pronouns and comprehensions

Numeracy: Fractions, Data Handling, IZAK9 and Problem Solving
ICT: Fact sheet and Exploring Programming

WAU: Inventions and Ingenuity

P6/7: Literacy: poetry, complex and compound sentences, comprehension and cloze procedure.

Numeracy: Angles, mean, mode, median and range, time.

WAU: Blue Planet

ICT: posters, Microsoft excel, paint

Digital Families Fun Night

Don't forget to sign up on our Facebook page or by contacting school. This will be a fun, free and informal evening for children in P5—P7 accompanied by an adult. You will be working with robots and code to solve problems and it promises to be a fun filled evening.

Road Safety Quiz

A huge congratulations to Joe, Poppy, Alex and Brooke who came third out of 270 school teams, in the Roads Safety Quiz Final NI in Cookstown.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day on Tues 11th February was a huge success at DPS with every class in school completing activities or tasks in relation to the 'Online' world and its dangers. This is an extremely prominent topic in the world of education so we are delighted to have taken part in such an important day. Well done to all the DPS pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work. We're looking forward to Safer Internet Day 2021 already!

World Book Week

This year we celebrated World Book Week with class novels. Each class chose a different novel to study and completed a range of activities from character studies to drama and wonderful art projects to group work. We finished the week with a super storytelling session from Mrs Maureen Nutt where children took part in listening, drama, history and even talked about the Coronavirus, very topical indeed and greatly enjoyed by all our children.

Fundraising

So far our smartie tubes have raised 8% of our fundraising target but we still have a long way to go! Please continue to fill the empty smartie tube with 20p, 10p and 5p coins and return to school when it is completely filled. Our easy-fundraising platform has also raised £7.40 so please continue to use it when shopping online.

We have some more fundraising ideas up our sleeves to tell you about soon...watch this space!

PTFA

The chair of The Friends of DPS would like to pass on his thanks to all members of our school community who have put themselves forward as committee members and asks all members to attend the first official meeting on Thursday 19th March @ 8pm in the school library. If you are unable to attend please forward your apologies to irkyle0105@outlook.com
Thank you.

ECO Club



Our wonderful ECO club presented an ECO Assembly to the whole school on Thursday 5th March. The boys and girls were updated with their aims and plans for the year ahead. We have lots to do! Our main focus this year is on WASTE and two minor focuses on litter and Biodiversity in our school grounds. We are also refurbishing our old dilapidated green house with an exciting ECO friendly version recycling plastic bottles. Have a look at the picture of the finished product. In the meantime we would greatly appreciate if you could send in any empty 2 litre bottles to help us build the greenhouse. Please rinse and wash the bottles beforehand. We need approximately 200 bottles. Thank You!

'GREEN DAY CELEBRATIONS'

On Monday 30th March we will be celebrating our ECO friendly ethos in school. We are having a non-uniform day wearing **GREEN** and trying our best to **reduce waste** in School. If possible we would like to try and minimise waste coming into school in our lunch boxes too. ECO team will be looking out for the best lunch box with a little spot prize for lunch boxes with reusable containers and bottles preferably without any Clingfilm or throw away plastic cutlery. Keep an eye on the website for 'No Waste lunch box ideas'. After lunch the children will be having lots of fun using recyclable materials to turn them in to new fantastic creations. Please note we do not want anyone to go out and buy any new green items of clothing, it could be a pair of green socks for example and they can even be borrowed. Please bring in £1 for our Green day to help us fundraise for the timber needed for our green house. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, thank you!