



Donemana Primary School

April News

Diary Dates:

Monday 8 th April	School Resumes
Tuesday 9 th April at 9.30am	Karate demonstration – see below.
Monday 15 th April 3 – 4pm	After school team building session
Thursday 18 th April	P5, 6 and 7 participating in Young Enterprise programme (in school during school hours)

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Karate

Karate for children aged 4 – 12 years runs in our school hall each Friday from 6 – 7.30pm. Contact Don on 07563124749 for further details and why not attend a demonstration by some of our pupils who attend. They will be showcasing their skills on Tuesday 9th April at 9.30am – everyone welcome 😊

Recommended Apps for Foundation Stage children

You Can Read! App for Reading!

Dear Parents
We have created a **FREE** app for helping reading at home! Practice those high frequency words on your iPhone or tablet.
We are an educational company that your teachers like. We hope you do too. Look for You Can Read on the App Store and Google Play. If you have any comments, please let us know info@thepedagogos.com

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APP for LEARNING

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See you soon Mrs Crosbie

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Crosbie all the best on her maternity leave and look forward to meeting the new member of the Crosbie family.

Choir Performance

Our school choir has been invited to perform at the Church of Ireland Church on **Tuesday 26th March**. Choir practices are being led by Miss McCaskie and information about practice times and dates will be given via text message.

Institute FC

Some of our children will be Mascots at the upcoming Institute FC match on Saturday 23rd March. All pupils of DPS plus the adults that bring them can gain **free entry** to watch the match.

Afterschool football

Just as our vision statement encourages we want to be the best we can be. In line with this we have a short survey on after school football. Please complete this survey with your child. You can access it at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LLQXBCV>. Thank you.

Teaching Awards

HUGE THANKS to our PTA, Governors, Prefects and Staff who participated in the judging for the final of The Pearson Teaching Awards in the category of Outstanding Team of the Year. The judges were very impressed with our school and wanted to ensure that we are all aware of what an achievement it is to reach the final. Well done us! The winners are announced on 17th May but we are so pleased with reaching the final that we really don't mind what happens next 😊

P7 Enterprise

After the Easter break P7 will be selling 10p mix ups on Fridays. Mrs Hay has kindly allowed this relaxing of our healthy eating policy but hopes that everyone will make a special effort to eat fruit at break time Monday – Thursday.

School Uniform Policy – slight change

Although we prefer the wearing of school tracksuit bottoms to ensure uniform is smart and consistent and appreciate the support parents have shown with this we will allow children to wear plain navy jogging bottoms to school on PE days with their school jumper or school hoody. These jogging bottoms must be plain navy and cannot have any logos, badges or stripes of any kind. Please support our uniform policy by ensuring children wear the proper PE t-shirt for PE lessons and remove all jewellery including earrings for these lessons. Trainers are only to be worn with tracksuit bottoms on PE days and not with normal uniform. We will be encouraging proper uniform by awarding house points to those children who follow the policy.

School Council

Following the election of our council members our first meeting has taken place. The first item up for discussion is lunch time activities. We will keep you posted on the developments made and will upload the minutes of the meeting to our website.

School Council Members

Staff Rep: Sinead

Link Teacher: Mrs Hay

P1 /2 Councillors: Jamie and Jemma

P3/4 Councillors: William and Katie

P5/6 Councillors: James, Mark and Emma G

P7 Councillors: Brooklyn (chairman) and Ellie (secretary)

Prefect Councillors: Kane, Leanne (treasurer), Craig and Bethany