



Donemana Primary School

April / May News

Diary Dates:

Friday 19 th April	P7 enterprise 10p mix up sales begin
Thursday 2 nd May	Blue Eagle Productions presents 'The Billie Girl'
Monday 6 th May	Holiday
Thursday 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd and 30 th May 7 – 9pm	Parenting NI Pick and Mix Programme
Friday 17 th May	'Thank a Teacher Day' Holiday – to accommodate those families who wish to attend Balmoral Show
Monday 20 th May	Test week begins
Thursday 23 rd May	Return school cups and shields
Monday 27 th May	Holiday

Urgent Notice

An incident has been reported to me today with regards to an effort by an unidentified male to entice a child into a car. Please be extra vigilant and report any incidents you witness to the PSNI. It may also be advisable to ensure all children are collected from school.

Parents' Guide to Assessment

Each family is receiving an information leaflet provided by CCEA containing information on the new Primary statutory assessment arrangements. The leaflet outlines what the arrangements mean for your child. Please take the time to read through and if you have any questions don't hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

The Billie Girl

As part of the UK City of Culture programme 2013 the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge has commissioned a production entitled 'The Billie Girl'. This theatre production tells the story of Billie, a young girl of primary school age, who one day asks her Granda: 'What's the Orange Order and why are you in it?' What follows is a trip through time as Billie meets some of the most influential individuals in Orange culture and visits some of the most significant moments in the culture's history. The production is aimed at Key Stage 2 (Primary 4 – 7) and parents / family members are also invited to attend. It starts at 9.30am on Thursday 2nd May and lasts approximately 45 minutes. If you **do not** wish your child to attend this production please inform the school office. It would also assist us with organising seating if you would let us know if you or any of your family members will be attending.



The Balmoral Show

As stated on our holiday list we have one remaining day to take. As in previous years we have held this day to accommodate families who wish to attend the Balmoral Show. We will therefore be closed on Friday 17th May.

Parenting NI Pick and Mix Programme

Parenting NI is a leading parenting organisation which has been supporting parents in Northern Ireland since 1979. Their Programmes aim to develop the confidence, skills and knowledge of all parents through group work in order to improve outcomes for children. They will be delivering a programme of 4



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sessions at our school. This will be free of charge to any parent who would like to attend. The sessions will be:

- ⊙ Effective Communication – this session looks at the many ways of helping parents to listen and talk to their children. It will give practical tips on how to really listen and encourage communication in order to reduce misunderstanding and possible conflict in the home
- ⊙ Parenting Styles – this session explores how life experiences affect the way we parent. It helps parents learn how to change their thinking and break unhelpful patterns of parenting and develop an authoritative approach
- ⊙ The Value of Play – this session demonstrated the important role a parent can have in encouraging and joining in with their child as they play. Through play, children learn about the world in which they live. Play teaches socialisation, sharing, concentration, confidence and self discipline.
- ⊙ Stress Management – this session will help parents recognise when they are stressed, what triggers their stress and give practical tips to manage stress levels in families. All parents can feel stressed from time to time, but if it is affecting family life, it helps to find better ways to cope.

Tea and coffee will be provided at the sessions and childcare can be arranged upon request. We hope as many parents as possible will attend this event which promises to be informative and enjoyable.

P7 Residential Trip Payment



Please make all payments for the P7 residential trip on a Wednesday only. Thank you.

Junk Art

P1 and P2 love making things and especially like making things from kitchen roll tubes. If you have any please send them in to Mrs Hay's classroom. Please note we cannot use toilet roll tubes so please do not send these in.

Clubs

We have lots of fabulous clubs going on from 3-4pm this term.

Monday – Secret craft club and Sports taster programme (P4 – P7)

Tuesday – Party snacks club (P3 and P4)

Wednesday – FilmClub (P4 – P7, until 4.15pm)

Thursday – Choir Club (P4 – P7)

Friday – Secret Craft club (P4 – P7) and football (P6 and P7)



Permission slips are still available for all clubs if anyone would like to join in.

Golden Time

Please note: children are asked not to bring their own items to school for Golden Time. We have lots of wonderful toys here.