

# October



# 2021

## Diary Dates

Monday—Thursday 2-3pm  
Busy Bees for P1 and P2

Tuesday 19th: CEF Assembly in  
lunchtime bubbles

Tuesday 26th: Pupil of the  
Month Assembly via collaborate

Fridays: Football coaching  
2-3pm for P1 and P2  
3-4pm for P3—P7

Friday 8th: Parent Survey Closes

Monday 25th: Halloween Disco

Thursday 28th and Friday  
29th: Halloween Holidays  
(School Resumes Wednesday  
3rd November)

## Vocal Coaching

There are 2 spaces available for Vocal Coaching with our Musical Pathways Teacher Mrs O'Hare. Sessions cost £123 for the school year and can be paid termly (£41 per term). This coaching is open to pupils in Mrs Timoney and Mr Potts' classes. Please email Mrs Hay ([ghay546@c2kni.net](mailto:ghay546@c2kni.net)) if you are interested in this coaching for your child. If there are more

applicants than spaces there will be an online vocal assessment to complete and from this Mrs O'Hare will select the 2 pupils to participate in the coaching programme.



## Halloween Disco

Our wonderful newly established DPSFFA (Donemana Primary School Friends and Family Association) have been getting to work right away and have planned a very fun event for us all - a Halloween disco. This will be on Monday 25th October and there will be three different time slots to coincide with our lunch time bubbles. Primary 1 and 2 pupils will be partying from 6-6.45pm, followed by the Primary 3 and 4 children from 7-7.45pm. The final boogie will be for our Primary 5, 6 and 7 children from 8-9pm. There will be prizes given for the best fancy dress costume in each bubble. As well as this there will be a tuck shop, temporary tattoos (50p each) lucky dip (£1 a dip) and some funky tunes! Entry will cost

£3 for the first child, £5 for 2 children and £7 for 3+ children from the same family.

It sounds like a *spooktacular* event!

## Sickness

If your child is unwell and not attending school please telephone us on the first day of their sickness to let us know.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19 THEY MUST STAY AT HOME AND TAKE A PCR TEST. IF POSITIVE THEY MUST ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS AND IF NEGATIVE THEY CAN ATTEND SCHOOL.**

**It is vital that all families follow this guidance to ensure we can keep our full school community safe.**

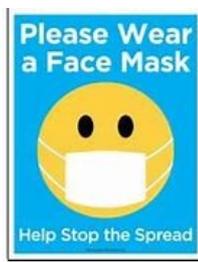
Where a pupil displays gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea or vomiting they must not attend school until they have been symptom free for 2 days.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money must be sent to the school on a **Monday for the week ahead, clearly labelled with your child's**

**name and the days he/she is eating dinner.**

Bank transfers can also be arranged to pay for school dinners.



### Face coverings

Thanks so much for your co-operation so far, you have all been fantastic! We continue to ask parents to wear a face covering if they have made an appointment to meet a teacher. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building if they have not made an appointment.



### September Superstars

All of our amazing pupils settled in really well to school life. We had Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout their first month back at school. They were:

**Lily** in Mrs Young and Mrs Hay's class

**Hannah** in Mrs Connor's class

**Maisie** in Mrs McCusker/Miss Sayers' class

**Cassie** in Mr Potts' class

**Jayden** in Mrs Timoney's class

### Checklist

We would encourage all parents and pupils to carry out a checklist of procedures before leaving the house in the morning and again when returning home. Please make sure your child's hands have been thoroughly washed and sanitised as well as

continuing to reinforce the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' routine. Also, when possible, we ask that you continue to monitor your child's temperature.

### AQE

Our Primary 7 pupils continue to work very hard on their AQE practise papers. Mrs Timoney is very proud of their hard work! The dates for the AQE exam are: 20th November, 27th November and 4th December 2021. We wish you all the very best in your preparation for this.

### Learning For The Month

All classes will continue to focus on health and well being as well as respiratory hygiene. Other things we will be covering:

**P1/2:** Literacy: s,a,t,i,p,n, ck, e, r,m,d (jolly phonics revision sounds and key words P2)

Name building, Listening skills, pencil skills and Nursery Rhymes (P1)

Numeracy: Numbers 0-5, sorting and 2D shapes (P1) Numbers 0-20, bigger/smaller numbers, number names, 2D and 3D shapes (P2)

WAU: 'A Time to Rhyme' and Autumn.

**P2/3:** Literacy: Reviewing letter sounds, phonics spelling and capital letters.

Numeracy: Number Bonds to 10/20, addition and 2D shape. WAU- Autumn.

**P3/4:** Literacy: Punctuation, capital letters, full stops and question marks. Creative writing and 'Flat Stanley' (novel study) Numeracy: 2D Shape, Place Value and Problem solving. WAU: 'I am unique' (focus on Healthy Eating)

**P5/6:** Literacy: Proofreading, common nouns, proper nouns and comprehension. Class Novel: 'Danny the Champion of the World.'

Numeracy: Time, rounding, comparing numbers, mental addition and subtraction.

ICT: Coding using Scratch.

WAU: The Animal Kingdom.

**P6/7:** Literacy: letter writing, newspaper reports, facts and opinions, speech marks, comprehension, 'Boy in the back of the class' (novel study)

Numeracy: perimeter, area, shape, angles and multiplication.

WAU: Space.



### Wish List

There are a few items which we are looking for and if you can

help that would be great :-)

P1/2 are wishing for:

Conkers

Smooth stones about 5cm or bigger in length

Kitchen roll tubes

Old shallow small trays you no longer need, e.g. old cake tins

Thank you!

