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# March



# 2022

## DIARY DATES

**Thurs 3rd:** World Book Day  
Book Swap  
Swimming (P6 & P7)  
**Fri 4th:** Cricket (P5-P7)  
**Mon 7th:** Fist Pump 5 Session  
**Thurs 10th:** Wellbeing Assembly  
Swimming (P6 & P7)  
**Fri 11th:** Cricket (P5-P7)  
**Tues 15th:** CEF Assembly  
**Thurs 17th & Fri 18th:**  
School Closed  
**Tues 22nd:** SU Assembly  
**Thurs 24th:** Swimming (P6 & P7)  
**Fri 25th:** Cricket (P5-P7)  
**Tues 29th:** Pupil of the Month  
Assembly  
**Thurs 31st:** Swimming (P6 & P7)



## Pupil of the Month-Feb

Huge congratulations to the children who were awarded Pupil of the Month for February:  
**Emma** in Miss Sayers' class  
**Emily** in Mrs Connor's class  
**Joey** in Mrs McCusker and Mrs McSparron's class  
**Darci** in Mr Potts' class  
**Billy** in Mrs Timoney's class.

## School Council and ECO Warriors

Thank you so much to the boys and girls who submitted a video entry to join the School Council or Eco Team. Keep an eye on our school website for further news on who gets elected.

## Acting Principal

Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Hay will be absent from school for the next period of time. We are delighted that Mrs Deirdre Amor has agreed to support the school one day per week in Mrs Hay's absence. Mrs Timoney and Mrs McCusker have also agreed to act as a, *'point of contact'* for parents on the other four days. Should you have any immediate queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Amor, Mrs Timoney or Mrs McCusker, preferably through the school email account. [info@donemanaps.strabane.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@donemanaps.strabane.ni.sch.uk)  
Many thanks  
Simon Mowbray  
Chairperson  
Board of Governors

## Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2023 already!

## World Book Day

As mentioned in the message already sent out, World Book Day is on Thurs 3rd of March this year. In DPS we are going to celebrate the books written by Julia Donaldson. To mark the special occasion and as a bit of fun, we are encouraging children to dress up as a character from a book. We are going to run another book swap this year within each class too. Your child can bring in a book they no longer read and swap it for another book. The more books brought in, the bigger the selection. Thank you for your continued support.

## FAFA

The DPS Friends and Family Association would like to say a huge thanks to EVERYONE from the school community who purchased a ticket for our Valentine's raffle. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of the support the raffle received. Huge

congratulations to all the prize winners.

(Full list of prizes and winners on School Website.)

### Websites/Apps

Please ensure your child is using Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, AR and Myon regularly. These are all very important websites which will continue to challenge them and reinforce the teaching they receive in school.

### Parking

Unfortunately, parking at our school is extremely limited and we are aware of the difficulties parents face especially when trying to find a space at 3pm. Could you please ensure that you don't park near or in front of the school gates around this time. The two school buses need space to enter and exit the school gate, this has been very difficult for them over the past number of weeks. Please try to keep it clear for them. Thank you for your help in this matter.



### Dinner Menu

Just a reminder that the school dinner menu can be accessed on the school website. You will see the dates corresponding to each week of the menu.

### Money brought to school

Just a gentle reminder that any money sent to school must be in a labelled envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

Thank you.



### School Uniform

Please ensure your child's school jumper/hoody is clearly labelled with their name. Also show your child where the name is located so they can easily identify theirs if they misplace it. Finding the owners of jumpers is much easier when everything is clearly labelled.

### Our learning plans for March:

**P1/2:** Literacy: Phonics (qu, ou, oi, ue, er and ar), Letter formation, blending, keywords and instructional writing  
Numeracy: Numbers to 10/20, Addition, doubles, Time and Problem Solving  
WAU: Growing is Great! (Spring)

**P2/3:** Literacy: Phonics (qu, ou, oi, ue), Spellings, Instructions, Novel Study  
Numeracy: Data Handling, 2D/3D Shape, Addition/ Subtraction (P3 Decomposition)  
WAU: Winter  
ICT: Animal Fact Page, Mental Maths and Spelling Shed

**P3/4:** Literacy: Novel Study—The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith, report writing on animal and habitats, verbs and adjectives. Jolly phonics revision—word sorts, word wheels, sentences structure and dictation using Jolly Phonic words.  
Numeracy: Time—P3 half past, o'clock, P4 Quarter past, quarter to, leading onto 5 minute intervals, Multiplication—P3 sets of numbers linking to multiplication tables (2, 5 & 10). P4 vertical multiplication of tens and units by units.  
WAU/Shared Education—Animals in winter looking at 4 world habitats, sorting animals and creating animal fact files.  
ICT—using Publisher to select pictures and create text boxes. Changing fonts size, type and colour. Saving with meaningful file names.

### **P5/6:**

Literacy: Superlative and Comparative verbs, Adverbs, homophones, where/were/we're, it's/its and Comprehension.  
Class Novel: 'Codename- Bananas'  
Numeracy: Long Multiplication, Division, Length/Measure, Perimeter, IZAK9 and Problem Solving.  
ICT: Word processing and typing skills  
WAU: Titanic- Shared Education Project

### **P6/7:**

Literacy: Fact files, Prepositions, tense, Story writing and Comprehension.  
Numeracy: Fractions, Problem Solving, Length and Weight  
WAU: All Around the World  
ICT: iMovie and Microsoft PowerPoint