



## March 2015



### DATES FOR DIARY

5th-Eco Birthday Bash in Magherafelt P1-P7. 'FAST' and World Book Day.  
 6th - P6/7 STEM project  
 9th -Fire Safety Talk  
 10th- Queens University visiting P6/7.  
 Dance lessons P1-P7  
 12th-'FAST'  
 Extreme Team Assembly  
 13th-Tom Sweeney(P1-P7)  
 Hockey Match  
 18th-Dance (P1-P7)  
 19th- CEF assembly, FAST P2 visiting Doctors' Surgery  
 20th-BINGO night in Cricket Club  
 23rd-Parent Interviews  
 25th- Guy Bass -children's author visit P5/6 at W5.  
 26th Pupil of Month Assembly  
 'FAST' Graduation  
 31st -Easter Egg competition. Number Busters.  
**31st-MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES SHOW!**

### SPANISH

All children in P1-P4 are enjoying Spanish lessons once a week led by Michelle. Gracias!

### FEBRUARY UNIFORM CHECK!

Abercorn+ Earlsgift won with 375 points!

### HEAD COOK RETIRES

Heather Witherow, our head cook has retired. She enjoyed a wonderful send off with all the children performing for her. Thank you for all contributions. Heather was presented with 2 large cherry trees, vouchers for The Belfry and Everglades, a bunch of flowers and a picture. We wish Heather a happy and healthy retirement.



### STEM

P6/7 have been taking part in a Science and Technology four week programme using LEGO to build robots! This robotics programme has been led by an engineer from 'Randox' and children have been building robots using sensors and programming them to follow paths!

### W5

P5/6 have been taking part in an 'Around the World Story Tales Project' through W5, Belfast. Children will travel to Belfast on 25th March to present their story and movie. We wish them well!

### FAST

'FAST' has been taking place every Thursday for families and schools together. The programme will end on 26th March, where **GRADUATION** takes place. This programme has been an excellent opportunity for parents and children to come together in D.P.S!

### PAIRED READING

P.4 children and parents will be taking part in a Paired Reading Partnership. It will run 9th March- 8th May. Happy reading!





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### BINGO NIGHT

**BINGO** night at the Cricket Club, Donemana will take place on Friday 20th March. Cupcakes will be for sale and a raffle will take place in aid of school funds. Thanks to Sharon Campbell for organising this. Please support the event as GREAT prizes are available.

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews commence on Monday 23rd March. We do hope you will find these informative as you will learn of how your child is applying their skills and achieving in their work. Dates and times will follow.



### MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES ASSEMBLY!

Our **BIG** assembly to celebrate 50 years of D.P.S will take place on **Tues 31st@6pm** and **Wed 1st April @10.30am.**

Doors open for walk around school 1 hour before show. Tea/coffee will be served after the show. **ALL** children taking part with dancing, singing and acting!

Please let all past pupils/teachers know! **ALL** welcome!

### HAPPY HEART DAY

Friday 13th February was 'Happy Heart Day'. Children raised £105.55 for British Heart Foundation Northern Ireland. Well done!



### PEOPLE WHO HELP US

As part of our People Who Help Us topic this month, P.2 will be enjoying a visit from Miss Browne, our secretary, a visit to the doctors' surgery in Donemana and a visit from the police with some **NOISY Sirens!**



### LEARNING THIS MONTH!

The following is a brief 'snapshot' relating to the learning this month is each class!

**P1**- Literacy- qu,ou,oi,ue,er,ar sounds

Keywords

Numeracy- Data Handling and Addition

Topic-1980's

ICT-word processing

**P2** Literacy- writing letters to People Who Help Us

Numeracy- numbers to 100, addition, subtraction

WAU- People Who Help Us

ICT- Numeracy Games via 'OSWEGO'

**P3/4**-Literacy- spelling and sentence structure

Numeracy- Volume and reading graphs

ICT-Starter Graphs

+Numeracy games

WAU-Frozen topic

**P5/6**- Literacy- letter, diary and biography writing.

Numeracy- 2d/3d shape, Graphs

ICT-Excel

WAU-Inspirational People

**P6/7**-Literacy-direct speech, synonyms and Novel Study.

Numeracy- decimals, handling data

ICT-Exploring programming.

WAU-Fair-trade.