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# October 2015



## DATES FOR DIARY

2nd-Image Musical Theatre show  
 5,12,19,26th-Number Busters 3-4pm  
 7,14,21st Scripture Union@3-4pm  
 6,13,20,27th Eco-Club@ 3-4pm  
 5th-Jo Jingles visits P.1.  
 6th-Paired Reading meeting@3pm for P.4  
 7th-Lifford Court House Talk P4-P7, S.U starts  
 15th- CEF assembly, World Food Day  
 16th-Book fair arrives for 1 day  
 21st- Extreme Team assembly  
 22nd- Pupil of the Month assembly  
 27th Harvest Assembly@10am and Halloween Disco@1-3pm  
 28th- Teacher Training. School closed for children  
 29, 30th- Halloween holidays.

## TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The travelling book fair arrives for 1 day on 16th Oct. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a book if they wish to do so.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that ALL items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Black school shoes should be worn at all times unless on P.E days. Please send a coat with a hood if your child is in P.1 or P.2 as they will be going outside for Play Based Learning regardless of weather!

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Another new year welcomes a host of after school activities for D.P.S! Busy Bees, Homework Club, Eco-Club, Number Busters, S.U, piano and football are now all in full-swing!

## HEALTHY BREAKS

Children should bring healthy breaks to school, such as fruit, yoghurt or vegetable sticks. Chocolate or crisps are prohibited and please remember to check the sugar content, as many cereal bars contain high levels of sugar.

Please place your child's break into their school bag as this saves confusion for the younger classes.

## HALLOWEEN DISCO

On Tuesday 27th Oct, following our Harvest Assembly, children will enjoy a Halloween disco during school. More details to follow.

## ECO-CLUB

Congratulations to Dean Campbell, Skye McFaul Drummond, Lily O'Neill, Bobby Hetherington, Brooke Heywood, Ryan Wilkinson, Gareth Stevenson and Emma Craig for being selected members of our 'GREEN TEAM!' The club will be working extra hard this year as we hope to renew our Green Flag Status. They will be weeding, power saving, recycling and much more!

## NUMBER BUSTERS

Mrs Crosbie and her Number Buster Gang are enjoying fun ways of learning Numeracy concepts on a Monday after school. Please encourage your child to attend all sessions, as rewards for full attendance have been promised!

## PAIRED READING

Paired reading for P.4 begins 12th October for 8 weeks. A parent information meeting is on Tuesday 6th October@3pm in Miss Connor's room!



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## SPANISH

Funding for Spanish unfortunately was withdrawn from all schools, but D.P.S. have decided to follow on the programme and fund the initiative this year! P1-P5 children are delighted to be back learning Spanish with Michelle!  
**GRACIAS!**

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our annual harvest assembly will be on **Tuesday 27th October@10am** in assembly hall. All children will be taking part and we welcome all family and friends to this wonderful event. Tea/coffee and harvest treats will be served after the assembly. Children will be asked to bring in some food to share with local senior citizens closer to the time. More details to follow. Thank you!



## INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

Your child, as part of their education at our school will have access to a range of electronic resources designed to enhance their learning experience and allow them to collaborate with their peers. In order to facilitate this, our school may need to share some limited personal information with the relevant Education Authority and the Department of Education. This will allow user accounts to be set-up and managed, enabling services to be integrated. Any data sharing is kept to a minimum and when your child leaves our school the information will be permanently deleted from such systems. At times, the School may also share personal information with the Education Authority to support the direct delivery of educational services. Examples include the Authority's Special Education and Educational Psychology Services. All sharing will be conducted under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.'

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that children are only allowed to ride bikes / scooters etc to school and park them on school premises if they are wearing a helmet.  
No helmet = no parking!

## Advanced notice:

Puzzle Challenge Day 26th Nov.  
Family session 3-4.30pm. More info in next months newsletter!

## LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

**P1**- Literacy- letter formation  
OF S,A,T,P,I,N,E,R

Numeracy- Numbers 1-5

Topic-Time to Rhyme

ICT-Logging on and off.

**P2** Literacy +Linguistic Phonics  
- revision of initial sounds,  
reading and writing key words  
with independence

Numeracy- Numbers to 20, 2d  
shape

WAU- Time to Rhyme!

ICT- Numeracy games and  
basic word processing.

**P3**-Literacy- comprehension  
and writing

Numeracy- Time, tens and  
units, function machines.

ICT-word processing

WAU-Houses and Homes-  
looking at plans and jobs on  
building sites.

**P4/5**- Literacy- autobiog-  
raphies, commas

Numeracy- place value, shape,  
adding/subtracting

ICT-Data Handling

WAU-'Me, Myself and I'

**P6/7**-Literacy-procedures,  
letter writing adverbs,nouns  
Numeracy- multiplication, time

ICT-word processing

WAU-'Mind Your Own  
Business!'