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DIARY DATES

Wed 5th– P4&5
French Storytelling
showcase.



Fri 7th– Rev Stockitt assembly
Tues 11th– Easter Egg competition

Wed 12th– PTA Easter team morning

Thurs 13th– School closes half day for Easter Holidays

Mon 24th– School resumes

Wed 26th– K'Nex challenge @ St.Cecilia's college

Thurs 27th– Pre-school placement letters received

Fri 28th– P5 netball competition @ Sion PS

Community Nominated Achievement Award



Congratulations to Ryan and Alex for receiving the 3rd Community Nominated achievement award. Well done to both boys for being so supportive and brave during a difficult situation. This award was very well deserved.

Nominations for next month's award can be forwarded to Jayne up until Wednesday 26th April.

proceeds are in aid of an iPad charging station and a PC for the library (£2000 aim for this academic year). Our pupils' egg creations will also be on display for parents to view as they enjoy their cuppa and catch up! It's on a drop in basis and we hope to see as many parents and relatives as possible.

Easter Holidays

School will be closing half day on Thursday 13th April. You can collect your child from school at 12noon. School will resume on Monday 24th April. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break!

STEM Achievements

Two teams of P6 and P7 pupils participated in the STEM challenge regional heats on Friday 31st March. Both teams were fantastic and one of our teams, Team 2, is now going to progress to the Northern Ireland final in Belfast on 12th June!! Well done Mark, Ty and Jay in Team 1 and James, Gareth and Ryan in Team 2.



Annual Easter Egg Competition

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg competition on Tuesday 11th April.



Please make sure to provide your child with a hard boiled egg and any additional resources to make their creation at school. We can also provide various art materials at school. We are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful masterpieces. Good luck everyone!

Time for a cuppa

Please come along to support our PTA on Thursday 13th April at our Easter Tea Morning. This will take place in our Assembly hall from 10.45 am-11.45am and you can take your child(ren) home when you have finished your tea! You can purchase tea or coffee and an Easter bun. All

Help needed!!

As you may already know, the Education Authority is facing financial difficulties which is putting HUGE strain on all school budgets, including our own. We are very lucky here at D.P.S as we have a lot of extra luxuries on offer such as exciting Accelerated Reader treats and numerous school trips for which parents are rarely asked to contribute. If we have to make major cut backs some of these luxuries will have to go! We really do not want this to happen! Your support at school fundraising events is greatly appreciated - lets keep it going! Any ideas for different fundraising events would be much appreciated as would LOTS more support for our PTA which has been suffering from decreasing numbers for some



time. Without help to organise and run activities there will not be enough fundraising for our school to provide all we wish for our children.

Revision time

The May tests are fast approaching and it is so im-



portant for our pupils to showcase what they have learned throughout this academic year. Please encourage your child to revise as much as possible to help them with their tests. Teachers will also be teaching a lot of revision lessons for recap purposes.

This month's recognitions

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our pupil of the month in each class for March!

Carson in Mrs Young and Miss Sayer's class

Harry Robinson in Miss Nutt's class

Erin in Miss Connor's class

Brooke Arbuckle in Mrs McCusker and Mrs Hay's class

Mark in Mr Potts' class

Well done to Jordan for receiving the Lunchtime Supervisor Green Card for being extremely willing to help. Jordan is always very kind to others.

AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS

Cookery club continues every Wednesday from 3-4pm. So far Jayne and her superstar chefs have made a variety of sweet and savoury dishes such as Chocolate Brownies and Chicken Stir Fry. There will be two more weeks of the current group cooking and the new group of pupils will start on the 3rd May 2017 until the 21st June 2017.

Miss Sayers and her ECO club will be continuing with their ECO work. They have already planted some beautiful flower boxes situated around the playground.

Scripture Union will finish on the 4th April.

Ulster Scotts will be continuing on a Wednesday until 12th April.

Cricket has now finished.

P6/7 baking club will be starting soon—more information to follow!

Springfest 2017

Primary 5,6 and 7 pupils attended the annual 'Springfest' event at the Millennium Forum on the 29th March. Again, this event was thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. This musical extravaganza is organised by the Education Authority involving numerous schools coming together and singing a variety of songs from well known musicals such as *Matilda*, *Hairspray* and *Mamma Mia*. This was wonderful opportunity for our pupils to sing along with an ACTUAL orchestra!

French Storytelling

Primary 4 and 5 have been taking part in a 6 week French Storytelling programme delivered by Madame Lynch. They will be showcasing their skills for the rest of the school and their parents on Wednesday 5th April.

Bus Forms

Please note all transport applications must now be made on-line through the EA website www.eani.org.uk/transportapp. The application service will be available from 2nd May and parents should apply before 19th July to ensure transport is in place for 1st September.

After school booking

Attached to this newsletter is a booking form for after school provision for the month of May. Bookings will **only** be accepted via a completed booking form. Telephone bookings will no longer be accepted. All booking forms must

be returned to Miss Browne by Friday 21st April. Please take your booking form as confirmation of places - we will only contact you if we cannot provide a place you have requested. You can send payment in advance with your booking form or at the beginning of each week. Late payment bills will be issued on Mondays for monies owing from the previous week.

LEARNING THIS MONTH!

P1

Literacy: Jolly Phonics revision of all sounds, word building, reading activities and high frequency words (recognition and writing)

Numeracy: Addition, Number bonds and Measure.

WAU: Once Upon a Time!

ICT: Microsoft Word - typing skills

P2

Literacy: Linguistic phonics-ay, and v sounds. Report Writing.

Numeracy: Subtraction Capacity and length.

WAU: Once upon a time!

ICT: Mental maths subtraction games and Bee-Bot.

P3

Literacy: Linguistic phonics, storywriting, speech bubbles, speech marks and was or were.

Numeracy: Time, length, doubling, halving and revision

ICT: 1 page slideshow PowerPoint, AR.

WAU: Yum yum!

P4/5

Literacy: Iron Man Novel Study, Procedure writing and comprehension.

Numeracy: fractions, time and problem solving and times tables/division facts.

ICT: Power Point, saving and retrieving saved documents.

WAU: Back to the future-electricity

P6/7

Literacy: Procedure/Instructional Writing, Fact or Opinion and colons.

Numeracy: IZAK 9, Angles, Patterns, Sequences and Function Machines.

ICT: PowerPoint Project

WAU: Junior Entrepreneur Programme

