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DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th: Staff training
- Thursday 5th: School Resumes
- Friday 6th: Rev Stuart Assembly
- Monday 9th: Foyle College teacher and pupils visiting Primary Six and Seven
- Wednesday 11th (12noon): Closing date for Primary One and Pre-School Applications for September 2017
- Thursday 12th: Primary Six and Seven begin computer coding workshop using Scratch
- Friday 13th: Rev Stockitt Assembly and Cook It begins
- Friday 20th: CEF Assembly, Primary Six and Seven begin swimming lessons
- Friday 27th: Pupil of the Month Assembly
- Saturday 28th: AQE results

COMMUNITY NOMINATED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Don't forget to contact Jayne with your nominations. Please also spread the word to other members of the local community. Nominations must be received by Tuesday

24th January.

UPDATED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our updated Child Protection Policy and a reply slip. Please ensure you read the policy and return the reply slip at your earliest convenience. We will be keeping a record to ensure we receive a reply slip from every family. If you have any questions about the policy please contact Mr Potts (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or Miss Connor (Deputy Teacher for Child Protection).

SENIOR TEACHER

Congratulations to Mrs Young who has been appointed to the position of Senior Teacher within our school. Mrs Young will deputise for Mrs Hay during her absences from school and will be a point of contact for any parent who has concerns during the school year which cannot be addressed by the class teacher. Miss Connor will take on this role until Mrs Young returns from maternity leave.

SCRATCH

P6 and P7 will soon be starting a scratch workshop as part of our Extended Schools Cluster focusing on STEM work. Scratch is an instructional piece of software which explores programming and encourages children to develop their skills in using directional language. The children will also be developing their coopera-

tion, communication and thinking skills by working in pairs on this project with a STEM Aware facilitator.

CAR PARKING



The Board of Governors have expressed concerns over children's safety at home time due to the lack of car parking available. Mrs Hay has requested action from the Education Authority (EA) with regards to this but the matter has yet to be addressed. Governors would like parents to submit letters of concern to support this request. The more letters we receive the better it will be for the case for improvement. Please send your letter to the school office to be forwarded to the Board of Governors by Monday 23rd January 2017. The letters will then be collated and sent to the EA. In the meantime, if no parking space is available in the layby outside school please park in the church carpark and walk to the school gate to collect your child. The safety of our children is our paramount concern. Thank you.



PUPIL OF THE MONTH

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our pupil of the month in each class for December. Well done to all the ladies this month! Lilyanna in Miss Sayer's class Miley in Miss Nutt's class Maggie in Miss Connor's class Andrea in Mrs Long's class Annie in Mr Potts' class And our ARopoly winner was Sophie in P6.

COOKING CLUB

Jayne's P3 cookery club is coming soon! There will be two sets of cookery club to facilitate the large numbers. The sessions will be on Wednesdays from 22nd February - 12th April or 3rd May - 21st June. Permission slips will be sent out soon.



SU

We are very pleased to report SU will be resuming on 28th February. Permission slips will be sent out in due course. We would like to express our thanks to the ladies who run SU, give so willingly of their time and plan such fun activities for the children to enjoy.

AR TREAT

Before the Christmas holidays children who reached their AR target were rewarded with the Christmas film 'Home Alone' using our new AV system in the assembly hall.



They also enjoyed popcorn and juice! Keep reading and put all your ideas for next term's treat in the suggestion box.

CAROL SERVICE

Huge thanks to all who attended our Carol Service in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 20th December. The children were fantastic and everyone seemed to really enjoy the service.

CHOIR

The choir have been super busy! They have been on a tour and have performed in Foyleside, performed for the Senior citizens and were featured on Q101 radio station! They have worked so hard in 2016 and their aim is to be even better in 2017! Congratulations to everyone who took part in choir, you were true superstars! We hope you don't get asked for too many autographs!



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS FOR PRAISE

Mrs Hay has some lovely new notelets called 'Principal's Points for Praise'. Look out for these coming home when your child has been extra specially wonderful!

A NOTE FROM ALL OUR STAFF

Thank you very much for all the generous gifts we received from families this Christmas. It was very kind of you to think of us.

WEATHER

The long range weather forecast suggests we will escape the snow but make sure we have up-to-date mobile numbers for you just incase! If we need to close due to adverse weather conditions we will text all families and post information on our Facebook page. We will also ask you for information on the weather locally so please keep us informed - thank you!

LEARNING THIS MONTH!



P1

Literacy: Sounds -ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or, z, w, ng and keywords
Numeracy: Number 10-12, ordering numbers 0-10, Time & Money
WAU: Brrr! It's Freezing
ICT: Mouse control & Beebot

P2

Literacy: Descriptive writing
Numeracy: Addition/subtraction/ money
WAU: Brrr! It's Freezing
ICT: Beebot and mental maths games

P3

Literacy: Storyboarding, comprehension, retell and questions marks.
Numeracy: Money, subtraction and addition, number stories.
ICT: Creating posters, Using Word.
WAU: Yum yum! Healthy bodies, foods from around the world, where does our food come from?

P4/5

Literacy: Story Writing, comprehension, adverbs, commas and question marks.
Numeracy: Division, Time and problem solving.
ICT: Fact files created in Publisher.
WAU: Back to the future!

P6/7

Literacy: Recount writing, prepositions, comprehension and direct speech.
Numeracy: Fractions, Area and Perimeter and problem solving.
ICT: Slideshows and Scratch
WAU: Junior Enterprise Programme (JEP)