

May



2017

DIARY DATES



Mon 1st– Bank Holiday (no school)
 Wed 3rd– Party Snacks cookery club 3-4pm
 Fri 5th– Rev Stuart assembly
 Mon 8th—P7 baking club begins
 Tues 9th—Tennis begins
 Wed 10th– Party Snacks Cookery 3-4pm
 Thurs 11th– P6&7 boys football competition @ Melvin Sports Complex
 Fri 12th– Rev Stockitt assembly
 Wed 17th- Party Snacks Cookery 3-4pm
 Thurs 18th– P6&7 netball team competition @ Sion P.S
 Tues 23rd– Whole School photo and group photos
 Wed 24th- Party Snacks Cookery 3-4pm
 Mon 29th– Bank Holiday (no school)
 Tues 30th– Staff Development Day (no school for children)

Community Nominated Achievement Award



This month we recognise the kind actions of Jake Robinson in P3 for our Community nominated award. Jake has been extremely brave and helpful towards his mummy especially when she needed extra support. He is always extremely helpful and kind at school too so we are glad this is also the case at home. Well done Jake!

Time for Tests!



It is that time of year again...tests! Each pupil will be completing end of year standardised tests throughout the month of May. This is the second year that we have been using computerised versions of the tests. This is a very effective way of collecting results however it can also be more time consuming. Each class teacher will be following a timetable to use the computers. It is very important that all pupils make an extra effort to attend school during their allocated test week. If for any reason your child cannot attend school during Test Week please let Mrs Hay know in writing.

This month's recognitions

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

Grace in Mrs Young and Miss Say-er's class
 Eirinn in Miss Nutt's class
 Emily Hall in Miss Connor's class
 Matthew in Mrs McCusker and Mrs Hay's class
 Scott in Mr Potts' class

Well done to Jennie and Jamie McB for achieving Principal's Points for Praise this month.

Easter Egg Competition winners

This years' annual Easter Egg competition as always did not disappoint! Every pupil used their wonderful imagination to create some fabulous designs. The winners were:

- P1– Alfie McDonald
- P2– Eirinn Harkness
- P3– Isaac Black
- P4– Joe Snodgrass
- P5– Madison Buchannan
- P6– Sophie Young
- P7– Faith Holmes

The winners of our Easter basket were Jenny Campbell and Annie Stevenson for guessing the correct number of sweets. Well done to everyone.



K'Nex Challenge

Two teams of P7 pupils participated in the K'Nex Challenge regional heats on Wednesday 26th April. Both teams were fantastic and one of our teams got a special mention for a very good structure. Well done Hannah, Charlie, Scott and Ethan for representing our school.

Promoting Independence

A huge thank you to everyone for helping make our children more independent by leaving and collecting them at the school gate. This is really much appreciated! If you do need to speak to a teacher personally please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

PTA Easter tea event

Thank you to everyone that came to our Easter tea event before the Easter holidays. Everyone seemed to enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee accompanied by a yummy Easter bun. As some extra entertainment, the choir put on an excellent performance which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to your support the PTA raised almost £400 which will go towards useful resources for our school.



AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS

Cookery club continues every Wednesday from 3-4pm.

P7 baking club will be starting on Monday 8th May 3-4pm and will run for 6 weeks. Heather Witherow, a past head cook here at D.P.S will be leading this club, sharing her wonderful baking skills and much loved recipes.

Tennis club will begin on Tuesday 9th May 3-4pm and will run for 7 weeks.

Football continues every Friday 3-4pm.

P4/5 drama club 3-4pm with Mrs Young starting on Thursday 11th May for 4 weeks.

To avoid any confusion toys from home will not be allowed in Busy Bees (2-3pm) or Homework club (3-4pm) However if your child is staying for late club (4-5.30pm) they are allowed to bring in a toy from home. Thanks for your cooperation.

Netball Team

A big well done to our P4/5 and P5/6/7 netball teams who have been enthusiastically participating

in various netball competitions at Sion P.S. Their coach Martin Gormley has really helped them to improve their skills. Keep up the hard work girls!

Contingency Arrangements for Post-Primary Placement Notification

The Education Authority has asked us to notify parents of contingency arrangements in place in the event that a child does not receive a letter on 20th May 2017. These arrangements are as follows:-

If a parent has not received a letter by 3.30pm on Saturday 20th May 2017 they may contact the Education Authority between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on telephone number 028 8241 1458 or 028 8241 1459. Staff will be available to confirm placement details **only**. Other Transfer related queries will be dealt with on Monday 22nd May 2017.

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.

Farewell to Mrs Wilson

After seven years as a Learning Support Teacher here at Donemara Primary School, Mrs Wilson is retiring from her post in June. She has been a wonderful asset to our school and has made a huge impact on pupils' learning. We would like to discreetly present Mrs Wilson with a farewell gift. If you would like to contribute towards



this please send money in a labelled envelope to the school office. It is important that Mrs Wilson is not made aware of this as we do not want to take away from the surprise. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her all the very best for the future.

Cups and shields

Mrs Hay would really appreciate if all previous cup and shield winners could return them to school before the end of May. This will allow time to get them engraved for the new winners.

LEARNING THIS MONTH!

P1

Literacy: Jolly Phonics revision of all sounds and key words. Guided reading- comprehension focus.

Numeracy: Number bonds, 3D shapes and problem solving.

WAU: Once Upon a Time!

ICT: Microsoft Word - typing skills

P2

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

Numeracy: Problem solving and length.

WAU: Once upon a time!

ICT: Mental maths subtraction games and Bee-Bot.

P3

Literacy: Linguistic phonics, revision. Storywriting, past/present tense.

Numeracy: Measure, fractions, doubling, halving and revision

ICT: 1 page slideshow PowerPoint, AR.

WAU: Animal Adventures!

P4/5

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

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

ICT: Publisher invitations, saving and retrieving saved documents.

WAU: Back to the future-electricity

P6/7

Literacy: Revision, colons, procedure/instructional writing.

Numeracy: Revision, handling data, mean, mode, median, range and angles.

ICT: PowerPoint Project

WAU: It's a Disaster