

NOVEMBER

November

2016



DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 11th 3-4pm: Football Writing Workshop lesson (parents please try to attend)

Saturday 12th: First AQE test

Monday 14th: School photos (details on separate letter sent out 7/11/16) and final date for shoebox appeal boxes to be in

Wednesday 16th at 3pm: Media Initiative information meeting for P1 and P2 parents with tea and biscuits

Tuesday 22nd: Flu vaccinations

Saturday 26th: AQE test 2 and Institute v Armagh match for writing workshop participants

SNOW!!

We very much hope that we will not be adversely affected by snow this winter but

please ensure we have an up to date mobile number for you as we will only contact via text if we have to close school early or all day due to adverse weather.



FOOTBALL WRITING WORKSHOP

Children in P5—P7 have been invited to

attend this exciting club. Those who have signed up to participate will be taught how to write a match report on Friday 11th from 3-4pm. It would be great if parents could also attend this to know how to write the match report. Participants will then watch two Institute FC matches. As two Institute FC players have been called up for International Duty the matches have changed. The first match will now be Institute v Armagh on 26th November. The bus will leave school at 1pm and you will get to see the Media room and have a tour of the facilities. You will also get to interview some players after the match. The bus will collect you again at 6pm. You and your child are asked to submit your match report by Friday 18th. You will receive feedback on your match report before going to see the second match on 3rd December against Ballyclare.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

A huge well done to Sophie in P6 for donating her hair to the little princess trust and a huge thank you for all the donations towards this charity for our non-uniform day. We raised £133.30!



COOK IT!

The Cook It programme as part of the SATCHEL project will be starting in January. Cook it is a nutrition programme, which is both fun and informative. The programme provides information and practice on healthy eating on a budget. The group members will have the opportunity to cook a meal each week which they can then take home. The programme will run on Fridays from 13th Jan-10th Feb & 24th Feb. Places will be limited so if you are interested in attending please get your name down asap with Miss Browne or Mrs Hay.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Don't forget parents, siblings and other family members are all welcome to attend breakfast club any morning. Mrs Hay highly recommends the scones!



PUPIL OF THE MONTH HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our pupil of the month

in each class for October. Well done:

Mia in Miss Sayer's class
Yazmin in Miss Nutt's class
Lucy in Miss Connor's class
Bobby in Mrs Long's class
Hannah in Mr Potts' class

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS

A huge thank you to all who came along and supported our outdoor movie night. It was a huge success and all the feedback from parents and children has been really positive. A huge thank you to all the staff who donated their time to man the stalls and to our burger cooking and milk heating volunteers too!

HEADLICE

Two information leaflets are attached for your reference and you can also contact the school nurse, Celine, for further advice and guidance (02871 384114 ext.: 222490)



LETTERS TO SANTA

All children will be writing letters to Santa in school by 2nd December. We will all be walking down to the post box together to post our letters. Please send a stamp into school by 2nd December. Santa has also requested that children write their full name and address on their letter - if you do NOT give permission for this information to be included in your child's letter please notify your child's teacher. A permission slip for this walk will be sent home in due course. Ho Ho Ho!

MEDIA INITIATIVE

On Wednesday 16th November at 3pm all P1 and P2 parents are invited to attend an information session on the media initiative which all Foundation Stage pupils are participating in this year. This initiative addresses issues such as differences and bullying through the use of puppets. We are sure your children will love the programme and we look forward to seeing you at the information afternoon which will be delivered by a member of the SACHEL team.

ATTENDANCE

Sadly our whole school attendance for the last academic year has fallen to its lowest level since 2010/2011. Children 'who regularly miss school...are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve...and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour' (taken from Department of Education Parent's Guide on School Attendance). The Department of Education considers 95% attendance as only satisfactory and 90% as poor. 90% attendance means your child has missed 3 weeks and 4 days of learning in the school year! Schools have a legal responsibility to report any pupil whose absence falls below 85% to the Education Welfare Officer. Further information for parents can be found at <http://www.education-support.org.uk/parents/school-attendance/>. Please try to avoid all unnecessary absences from school to make sure your child does not miss any learning and to help our whole school attendance levels improve.



LEARNING THIS MONTH!



P1

Literacy: c/k, e, h, r, m, d, g, o, u sounds and key words
Numeracy: time, numbers 5-9 and problem solving
Topic: Hey! Hey! Look at me! - ourselves, our family, where I live and being healthy
ICT: logging on and off independently and keyboard skills

P2

Literacy: Writing focusing on capital letters and full stops.
Numeracy: Addition/subtraction within 20
WAU: Hey, Hey Look at Me! Awareness of self, similarities/differences
ICT: Independent logging in/off finding Word & Paint Programmes

P3

Literacy: letter writing, poetry, alliteration, onomatopoeia, haiku.
Numeracy: addition using a number line, subtraction using a number line, data handling, bar graphs, pictograms,
ICT: Using AR, Education City, Word, poster creating and letter writing.
WAU: Bright Sparks, Great Fire of London and Electricity.

P4/5

Literacy: Story Writing focusing on developing sentence structure and descriptive language.
Numeracy: Addition/subtraction, multiplication and division, 3d shape and problem solving.
ICT: Developing word processing skills and understanding of power point.
WAU: Passport to the World and developing our understanding of similarities and differences between cultures.

P6/7

Literacy: Formal Letter Writing, Instructions, noun gender, compound words, comprehension.
Numeracy: x10, 100, 1000, Long Multiplication, Division, Measure, Shape & Space, problem solving
ICT: Practice assessments for NILA & NINA, Word-processing Skills.
WAU: Living from the Land- Crop to Shop, Fair-trade.