

31 Longland Road, Donemany Tel 71398633 Acting Principal: Mrs D. Amor



## **April** 2016



#### DATES

4th- Staff First Aid Training Day

5th- Children return for Term 3 5th- Spanish 6th- RLNI talk 7th- Eco Club—

Gardening 3-4pm
7th-Lego Mindstorms P6/7
8th- Football FS 2-3pm
3-4pm KS1&2
8th-Lego Workshop
Strabane Academy P6/7
12th- Spanish
12th- Party snacks cookery
(P3) 3-4pm
12th- Scripture Union 34pm (5weeks)
14th- Eco Club 3-4pm
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15th- Football 2-3pm (FS)
3-4pm (KS1&2)
19th- Spanish
20th- Cookery 3-4pm
21st- CEF Assembly
21st- Eco Club
22nd- Football 2-3pm (FS)
3-4pm (KS1+2)
26th- Spanish
26th- S.U 3-4pm
27th- Cookery Club 3-4pm
27th P1 Acceptance Letters
Issued
28th- Eco Club
28th- Pupil of the Month

**Assembly** 

#### Diary Dates (Cont.)

29th– Football 2-3pm (FS) 3-4pm (KS1&2)

May 2nd- HOLIDAY 3rd- Spanish 3rd Scripture Union 3-4pm

4th- Cookery 3-4pm 5th- ELECTION DAY

#### \*\*CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB\*\*

In the <u>next</u> academic year, 2016/2017, the After School Club provision will run like the current year apart from one small change. The late club will finish at <u>5:15pm</u> instead of 5:30pm.

However, there will be further changes to the After School Provision in 2017/2018. Any child in P1 or P2 will only be allowed to stay until 4pm but any child from P3-P7 can stay until 5pm. Donemana Primary School's After School Club will only be allowed to care for children for 2 additional hours under the law of Social Services. That's why the times will gradually decrease over the coming years. Our After School provision is heavily subsidised so as long as our funding continues, this will be the plan we hope to continue with.

#### WATER BOTTLES

We encourage children to keep their fluid levels up during the school day and allow a water bottle to sit at their desk. Please ensure it is only water contained within.

#### ACCELERATED READING

A big congratulations to any children who reached their target during Term

Miss Nutt has a wonderful treat planned for those

children. Please remind your child to do as much additional reading as possible in Term 3.

### MOBILE PHONE NUM-BERS

Please make sure the school is fully updated with your contact details. I know mobile numbers change so often and it is vitally important D.P.S. are kept up to date.

#### PRIMARY 1

The parents of children starting Year 1 in September will be informed at the end of April of the outcome of their application for a P1 place.



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#### Letter from Mrs Amor

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and we are all looking forward to welcoming the children back after their break. We had great excitement on the last two days in March when the children were decorating eggs for the Egg competition and our non-uniform "Odd Sock Day" for the local Down's Syndrome Group. We sent a cheque for £106 so thank you for your support. Thank you also for your support for our 'Mile of Coins' collection for the Refugees coming to the North-West. We were able to buy 12 £10 vouchers for clothes and the P7's measured 19 metres of coins, Well done everyone! The third term is always very busy and we have a lot of work to complete before testing week near the end of May. Please encourage your children to complete their homework to a high standard and focus on their

> learning . Many Thanks



#### March Pupil of the Month

Congratulations to the following pupils for winning January's Pupil of the Month in their class.



P1/2- Harry P2- Lucas P3- Lucy P4/5- Grace

P6/7- Emma

#### World Book Day

'The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go!' Dr Seuss

WORLD BOOK DAY was a huge success and DPS celebrated it in style! Children from P1-7 came dressed as a character from a book they love and showed off their costumes in our special assembly. In the afternoon each class took part in a book swap where old books were collected and exchanged for new titles to take home, read and enjoy. DPS was extremely busy all that week as each class had been taking part in a novel study.

P1/2 The Very Hungry Caterpillar

P2 Handa's Surprise

P3 Jim and the Beanstalk

P4/5 The BFG

P6/7 The Billionaire Boy

It was a week filled with stories, art and imagination! Take a look at our photos on the website and see the fun! www.donemanaps.com

#### LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

P1/2- Literacy- 'ue' 'er' 'ar' sounds,
High Frequency Words
Numeracy- Subtraction, Measures
and Problem Solving
Topic- Growing's Great!
ICT- Phonics focused activities

<u>P2</u> Literacy- Story writing, Carebear Adventures and Linguistic Phonics

Numeracy- Addition,
Subtraction, Length, Weight, Capacity and Problem Solving
WAU- Growing's Great!
ICT- Word Processing

<u>P3</u>-Literacy- Poetry, Processes and Procedures.

Numeracy- Decomposition, Weight and Measure ICT- Bee Bots WAU- Weather Watchers

<u>P4/5</u>- Literacy- Story writing, Nouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives and Playwriting.

Numeracy- Fractions, Times tables and Division.

ICT- PowerPoint, RM Magic WAU- Raiders of the Lost Tomb/ Bridges

<u>P6/7</u>-Literacy- Creative writing, Proofreading and editing.

Numeracy- Decimals, Area, Perimeter and Problem Solving.

ICT- (Cont.) Slideshows and Black-Cat Logo

WAU- Reach for the Stars