

October



2022

Harvest Assembly

We are delighted to announce the return of our traditional Harvest Assembly!

Our special assembly will be held in St James Church of Ireland Church on Wednesday 19th October at 1.20pm.

All classes will be performing and we look forward to seeing family and friends in attendance.

Please be mindful of this, our first special gathering since the pandemic, and only attend if you are well and symptom free.

Halloween Disco

Our wonderful DPSFFA (Donemana Primary School Friends and Family Association) have been getting to work right away and have planned a very fun event for us all - a Halloween disco.

This will be on Wednesday 26th October and there will be two different time slots to co-inside with our lunch time groups. Primary 1—Primary 4 pupils will be partying from 6.15pm—7.15pm, followed by the Primary 5—Primary 7 pupils 7.30pm—8.30pm.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress costume in each group.



There will be a tuck shop, temporary tattoos (50p for 2) lucky dip (£1 a dip) and some funky tunes!

Entry will cost £3 for 1 child, £5 for 2 children and £7 for 3+ children from the same family.

It sounds like a **spooktacular** event!

Tickets will be available to buy on the night but for quicker entry you can buy tickets in advance. Simply pop the correct money into an envelope and on the outside write FAO Mrs Hay and your children's names. Tickets will be given out the day before the disco.

Paired Reading P4

P4 children will begin a 6 week session of Paired Reading on Monday 10th October. This programme allows the children to choose their own reading book, which they can change daily if they wish. Parents will receive video information through the DPS website and paper handouts to support them with



this programme. We hope P4 enjoys this change of reading!

Sickness

If your child is unwell and not attending school please telephone us on the first day of their sickness to let us know.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19 THEY MUST FOLLOW NI DIRECT ADVICE.

It is vital that all families follow this guidance to ensure we can keep our full school community safe.

Where a pupil displays gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea or vomiting they must not attend school until they have been symptom free for 2 days.

Dinner Money

Dinner money must be sent to school on a **Monday for the week ahead, clearly labelled with your child's name and the days he/she is eating dinner.**

Prefects

Congratulations to all of our amazing P7 pupils who applied for the role of prefect. We had

so many wonderful applications that we had to proceed to a second stage and ask our pupils to vote like we do for Eco Committee and School Council. Our preferences for 2022/2023 are:

Carson, Alfie M, Alfie O, Matilda, Anna and Yazmin.

Well done to everyone.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will be conducted via telephone before the end of October. More information will follow via our school App.

September Superstars

All of our amazing pupils settled in really well to school life. We had Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout their first month back at school. They were:

Sadie in Mrs Hay's class

Lily in Mrs Connor's class

Scarlett in Mrs McCusker/Miss Sayers/Ms Given's class

Archie in Mr Potts' class

Abel in Mrs Timoney's class

New Staff Introductions

We would like to welcome Miss McCann and Miss Hegarty to TeamDPS.

Miss McCann will be covering Mrs Hay's Principal Release days.



Miss Hegarty will be covering

Mrs Timoney's maternity leave.

Make sure and say hello when you see them in the



mornings and afternoons :-)

Eco-Council We are delighted to have completed our voting for our Eco Council. Our members are

Robert, Lottie, Emma, James, Anna S, Micah, Mollie, Kyle, Carson and Amelia.

Daily Checklist

We would encourage all parents and pupils to carry out a checklist of procedures before leaving the house in the morning and again when returning home. Please make sure your child's hands have been thoroughly washed and sanitised as well as continuing to reinforce the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' routine. Also, when possible, we ask that you continue to monitor your child's temperature.

AQE

Our Primary 7 pupils continue to work very hard on their AQE practise papers. Mrs Timoney is very proud of their hard work! The dates for the AQE exam are: Saturday 19th November 2022: Assessment Paper 1
Saturday 26th November 2022: Assessment Paper 2
Saturday 3rd December 2022: Assessment Paper 3. We wish you all the very best in your preparation for this.

Learning For The Month

P1/2: Literacy: Phonological awareness, Name building, Listening skills, pencil skills and

Nursery Rhymes

Numeracy: Numbers 0-5, sorting and 2D shapes (P1)

WAU: 'A Time to Rhyme' and Autumn.

P2/3: Literacy: Reviewing letter sounds, phonics spelling, finger spacing and capital letters.

Numeracy: P2 Number 1-20 P3 1-100, addition 2D shape.

WAU- A Time To Rhyme

P3/4: Literacy: Punctuation-capital letters and full stops Nouns and comprehension.

Numeracy: 3D Shape, Place Value and Problem solving.

WAU: Houses and Homes

P5/6: Literacy: Common nouns, proper nouns, comprehension and pupil profiles.

Class Novel: 'The World's Worst Teachers.'

Numeracy: Time, Rounding, Comparing numbers, Mental Addition and Subtraction.

ICT: Using Microsoft Word

WAU: In the News-World Cup

P7: Literacy: letter writing, grammar, commas, speech marks, comprehension, Numeracy: perimeter, area, triangles, angles and multiplication.

AQE

WAU: Superheroes

Wish List

There are a few items which we are looking for and if you can help that would be great :-)

P2/3 egg cartons please

P5/6 Boxes of tissues please



