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May 2015



DATES FOR DIARY

- 5th-Number Busters starts 3-4pm
- 8th - Pirate party in P.1
- 11th-Party Snacks cookery 3-4pm
- 14th-Extreme Team assembly
- 21st-CEF assembly
- 22nd-Cash for Clobber deadline
- 25th- Teacher Training- School Closed
- 28th Pupil of Month Assembly
- 29,6,13,20,27 May- Eco-Club 3-4pm
- 5,12,19,26th- Number Busters 3-4pm
- 1,8,15,22,29th May- Football 2-4pm
- JUNE**
- 12th- Sports Day-weather permitting!
- 16th- FIZZ BUZZ Champion of Champions
- 17+18th- P.7 Residential Trip
- 19th- School Closed-Staff Development Day
- 24th-New P.1's Play Day+parent meeting
- 25th-School Trip +Pre-School lunch.
- 26th-** Pre-school graduation, prize giving assembly, summer party and picnic lunch.
- 29th- Leavers' assembly, reports out.
- 30th- New school day

YEAR 1

The parents of children starting Year 1 in September 2015 will have been informed on Thursday 30th April of the outcome of their application for a Year 1 place. Parents will be invited to Information Meetings and to see our school/classroom in June. There are still places in our Year 1 class. If you know of anyone who would like to come and view our school, please encourage them to get in touch!

TRANSFER 2015

Please note that parents of Year 7 children will receive notification of the outcome of Post-Primary Placement on Saturday 23rd May. This will inform parents which secondary school their child has been accepted to for September 2015.

STANDARDISED TEST WEEK(S)

Year 2-7 children will be completing standardised tests over the weeks beginning 4th and 11th May to support teacher assessment. These will be used as part of the reporting to parents in the end of year school report in June.

ECO-CLUB

Mrs Young and her Eco-Team are busy weeding, planting and tidying up our out-door areas. Thanks to Mr James Donaghey for offering his time and expertise in this area with helping make D.P.S. look beautiful!

NUMBER BUSTERS

Mrs Crosbie and her Number Buster Gang are enjoying fun ways of learning Numeracy concepts on a Tuesday after school. Please encourage your child to attend all sessions, as rewards for full attendance have been promised!

BOOSTER CLUB

Miss Connor and primary 6 students are continuing with their booster sessions on a Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm. Please ensure children keep attending as a picnic in the field has been promised at the end of the sessions!

AFTER SCHOOLS COOKERY

Jayne and her team of P3/4 chefs are enjoying making and eating delicious food on Monday afternoons.



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SPANISH

Funding for Spanish unfortunately was withdrawn from all schools, but D.P.S. have decided to follow on the programme and fund the initiative until the end of June! All children are delighted to be back learning Spanish with Michelle!
GRACIAS!

LIBRARIANS!

School Council decided the Library needed help! Megan Nicholl and Molly Robinson are now our school librarians and are doing a wonderful job ensuring the Library looks tidy and organised.
Thank you!

P1/2 PLAY

Pirate themed play tasks are being enjoyed in the Foundation classes this month. Watch out!



SUMMER PARTY AND PICNIC LUNCH!

Our **BIG** finale of celebrations will take the form of a summer party and picnic lunch on Friday 26th June. Parents are invited to stay over lunch and bring a picnic. More details to follow. Keep the date free and pray for dry weather!

OUT DOOR SAND PIT



We are delighted to welcome our new outdoor sand pit.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Final dead-line for gathering up all those old unwanted textiles is **Friday 22nd May** Please hunt out unwanted curtains, bed linen, clothing, shoes etc and send into D.P.S. Bin liners can be left on the stage.

UNIFORM SALES

Uniforms can be purchased online 24/7 - follow the link on our website. REACH (the online supplier) will be at school to sell uniforms on **25th June 2 -4pm**

O'Neills uniforms will be on sale from the school office during the last week of June. Limited stock is available. If we do not have the size you need we will order it and it will be available in August. If you do not place the order in June we will not have stock available to buy in August.

LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

P1- Literacy- letter formation, word building and rhyming words.

Numeracy- Subtraction and Time

Topic-Splish, Splash, Splish!
ICT-Bee-Bots and logging off.

P2 Literacy- Independently using full-stops in writing tasks, spelling patterns
Numeracy- Time, 2d/3d shape revision

WAU- Splish, Splash, Splish!
ICT- Literacy Games and Bee-Bot robots.

P3/4- Literacy- comprehension and self-correction
Numeracy- Revision
ICT-word processing and Numeracy games.
WAU-Up, Up and Away!

P5/6- Literacy- instructions and newspaper reports
Numeracy- % s, handling data and problem solving.
ICT-Data Handling
WAU-Victorians

P6/7- Literacy-story openings, letter writing.
Numeracy- decimals, handling data
ICT-Effective research
WAU-'In the News'