



## March 2015



### DATES FOR DIARY

5th-Eco Birthday Bash in  
Magherafelt P1-P7. 'FAST'  
and World Book Day.  
6th - P6/7 STEM project  
9th -Fire Safety Talk  
10th- Queens University  
visiting P6/7.  
Dance lessons P1-P7  
12th-'FAST'  
Extreme Team Assembly  
13th-Tom Sweeney(P1-P7)  
Hockey Match  
18th-Dance (P1-P7)  
19th- CEF assembly, FAST  
P2 visiting Doctors' Sur-  
gery  
20th-BINGO night in  
Cricket Club  
23rd-Parent Interviews  
25th- Guy Bass -children's  
author visit  
P5/6 at W5.  
26th Pupil of Month As-  
sembly  
'FAST' Graduation  
31st -Easter Egg competi-  
tion. Number Busters.  
**31st-MUSIC THROUGH  
THE DECADES SHOW!**

### SPANISH

All children in P1-P4 are  
enjoying Spanish lessons  
once a week led by  
Michelle. Gracias!

### FEBRUARY UNIFORM

#### CHECK!

Abercorn+ Earls gift won  
with 375 points!

### HEAD COOK RETIRES

Heather Witherow, our head  
cook has retired. She enjoyed a  
wonderful send off with all the  
children performing for her.  
Thank you for all contributions.  
Heather was presented with 2  
large cherry trees, vouchers for  
The Belfry and Everglades, a  
bunch of flowers and a picture.  
We wish Heather a happy and  
healthy retirement.



### STEM

P6/7 have been taking part in  
a Science and Technology  
four week programme using  
LEGO to build robots! This  
robotics programme has been  
led by an engineer from  
'Randox' and children have  
been building robots using  
sensors and programming  
them to follow paths!

### W5

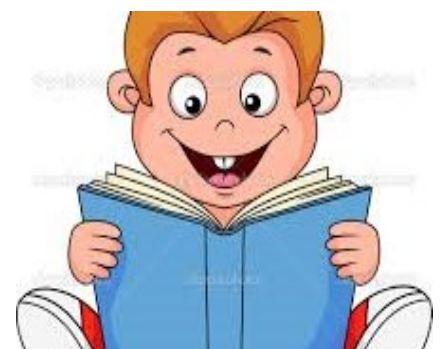
P5/6 have been taking part  
in an 'Around the World  
Story Tales Project' through  
W5, Belfast. Children will  
travel to Belfast on 25th  
March to present their sto-  
ry and movie. We wish them  
well!

### FAST

'FAST' has been taking place  
every Thursday for families  
and schools together. The  
programme will end on 26th  
March, where  
**GRADUATION** takes place.  
This programme has been an  
excellent opportunity for  
parents and children to  
come together in D.P.S!

### PAIRED READING

P.4 children and parents will  
be taking part in a Paired  
Reading Partnership. It will  
run 9th March- 8th May.  
Happy reading!





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### BINGO NIGHT

**BINGO** night at the Cricket Club, Donemana will take place on Friday 20th March. Cupcakes will be for sale and a raffle will take place in aid of school funds. Thanks to Sharon Campbell for organising this. Please support the event as GREAT prizes are available.

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews commence on Monday 23rd March. We do hope you will find these informative as you will learn of how your child is applying their skills and achieving in their work. Dates and times will follow.



### MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES ASSEMBLY!

Our **BIG** assembly to celebrate 50 years of D.P.S will take place on **Tues 31st@6pm** and **Wed 1st April @10.30am.**

Doors open for walk around school 1 hour before show. Tea/coffee will be served after the show. **ALL** children taking part with dancing, singing and acting!

Please let all past pupils/teachers know! **ALL** welcome!

### HAPPY HEART DAY

Friday 13th February was 'Happy Heart Day'. Children raised £105.55 for British Heart Foundation Northern Ireland. Well done!



### PEOPLE WHO HELP US

As part of our People Who Help Us topic this month, P.2 will be enjoying a visit from Miss Browne, our secretary, a visit to the doctors' surgery in Donemana and a visit from the police with some NOISY Sirens!



### LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

**P1**- Literacy- qu,ou,oi,ue,er,ar sounds

Keywords

Numeracy- Data Handling and Addition

Topic-1980's

ICT-word processing

**P2** Literacy- writing letters to People Who Help Us

Numeracy- numbers to 100, addition, subtraction

WAU- People Who Help Us

ICT- Numeracy Games via 'OSWEGO'

**P3/4**-Literacy- spelling and sentence structure

Numeracy- Volume and reading graphs

ICT-Starter Graphs

+Numeracy games

WAU-Frozen topic

**P5/6**- Literacy- letter, diary and biography writing.

Numeracy- 2d/3d shape, Graphs

ICT-Excel

WAU-Inspirational People

**P6/7**-Literacy-direct speech, synonyms and Novel Study.

Numeracy- decimals, handling data

ICT-Exploring programming.  
WAU-Fair-trade.