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# October 2015



## DATES FOR DIARY

2nd-Image Musical  
Theatre show  
5,12,19,26th-Number  
Busters 3-4pm  
7,14,21st Scripture Un-  
ion@3-4pm  
6,13,20,27th Eco-Club@  
3-4pm  
5th-Jo Jingles visits P.1.  
6th-Paired Reading meet-  
ing@3pm for P.4  
7th-Lifford Court House  
Talk P4-P7, S.U starts  
15th- CEF assembly,  
World Food Day  
16th-Book fair arrives for  
1 day  
21st- Extreme Team as-  
sembly  
22nd- Pupil of the Month  
assembly  
27th Harvest Assem-  
bly@10am and Halloween  
Disco@1-3pm  
28th- Teacher Training.  
School closed for children  
29, 30th- Halloween holi-  
days.

## TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The travelling book fair  
arrives for 1 day on 16th  
Oct. Children will have  
the opportunity to pur-  
chase a book if they wish  
to do so.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that ALL  
items of school uniform should  
be clearly labelled with the  
child's name. Black school shoes  
should be worn at all times un-  
less on P.E days. Please send a  
coat with a hood if your child is  
in P.1 or P.2 as they will be go-  
ing outside for Play Based  
Learning regardless of weath-  
er!

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Another new year welcomes a  
host of after school activities  
for D.P.S! Busy Bees, Home-  
work Club, Eco-Club, Number  
Busters, S.U, piano and football  
are now all in full-swing!

## HEALTHY BREAKS

Children should bring healthy  
breaks to school, such as fruit,  
yoghurt or vegetable sticks.  
Chocolate or crisps are prohib-  
ited and please remember to  
check the sugar content, as  
many cereal bars contain high  
levels of sugar.

Please place your child's break  
into their school bag as this  
saves confusion for the young-  
er classes.

## HALLOWEEN DISCO

On Tuesday 27th Oct, follow-  
ing our Harvest Assembly, chil-  
dren will enjoy a Halloween  
disco during school. More de-  
tails to follow.

## ECO-CLUB

Congratulations to Dean  
Campbell, Skye McFaul  
Drummond, Lily O'Neill, Bob-  
by Hetherington, Brooke  
Heywood, Ryan Wilkinson,  
Gareth Stevenson and Emma  
Craig for being selected  
members of our 'GREEN  
TEAM!' The club will be  
working extra hard this year  
as we hope to renew our  
Green Flag Status. They will  
be weeding, power saving,  
recycling and much more!

## NUMBER BUSTERS

Mrs Crosbie and her Num-  
ber Buster Gang are enjoy-  
ing fun ways of learning Nu-  
meracy concepts on a Mon-  
day after school. Please en-  
courage your child to attend  
all sessions, as rewards for  
full attendance have been  
promised!

## PAIRED READING

Paired reading for P.4 begins  
12th October for 8 weeks. A  
parent information meeting  
is on Tuesday 6th Octo-  
ber@3pm in Miss Connor's  
room!



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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 this year! P1-P5 children are delighted to be back learning Spanish with Michelle!  
**GRACIAS!**

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our annual harvest assembly will be on **Tuesday 27th October@10am** in assembly hall. All children will be taking part and we welcome all family and friends to this wonderful event. Tea/coffee and harvest treats will be served after the assembly. Children will be asked to bring in some food to share with local senior citizens closer to the time. More details to follow. Thank you!



## INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

'Your child, as part of their education at our school will have access to a range of electronic resources designed to enhance their learning experience and allow them to collaborate with their peers. In order to facilitate this, our school may need to share some limited personal information with the relevant Education Authority and the Department of Education. This will allow user accounts to be set-up and managed, enabling services to be integrated. Any data sharing is kept to a minimum and when your child leaves our school the information will be permanently deleted from such systems. At times, the School may also share personal information with the Education Authority to support the direct delivery of educational services. Examples include the Authority's Special Education and Educational Psychology Services. All sharing will be conducted under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.'

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that children are only allowed to ride bikes / scooters etc to school and park them on school premises if they are wearing a helmet.  
**No helmet = no parking!**

## Advanced notice:

Puzzle Challenge Day 26th Nov.  
Family session 3-4.30pm. More info in next months newsletter!

## LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

**P1-** Literacy- letter formation  
OF S,A,T,P,I,N,E,R

Numeracy- Numbers 1-5

Topic-Time to Rhyme

ICT-Logging on and off.

**P2** Literacy +Linguistic Phonics  
- revision of initial sounds,  
reading and writing key words  
with independence

Numeracy- Numbers to 20, 2d  
shape

WAU- Time to Rhyme!

ICT- Numeracy games and  
basic word processing.

**P3-**Literacy- comprehension  
and writing

Numeracy- Time, tens and  
units, function machines.

ICT-word processing

WAU-Houses and Homes-  
looking at plans and jobs on  
building sites.

**P4/5-** Literacy- autobiog-  
raphies, commas

Numeracy- place value, shape,  
adding/subtracting

ICT-Data Handling

WAU-'Me, Myself and I'

**P6/7-**Literacy-procedures,  
letter writing adverbs,nouns  
Numeracy- multiplication, time

ICT-word processing

WAU-'Mind Your Own  
Business!'