MONTHLY NEWS LETTER MAY 2018



Duneane Kids Love to Floss!

THE floss dance is the new viral craze, and believe us it's got nothing to do with dental hygiene. Dubbed the new dab, the move has got our Duneane children dancing. Make sure you check their video to see how it is done. With over 1000 views our children are experts!



Congratulations to the Yellow House!

The Yellow House earned the most points this month. Children have been focusing on showing respect to each other, the staff and the environment. They had an extra long playtime as their treat. Our next focus will be **using our manners.**



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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

(red notes a change of date or new entry)

2 May- PSNI Online Safety Talk 7pm (Moneynick PS)

3 May- Movies and Munchies

7 May- Bank Holiday- no school!

10 May-Transition Programme for P7 with SU

10 May-Bee Keeper visit (R-P4)

16 May- AMH talk and Activities at Duneane (SCRP)

18 May – Duneane Garden Party
12:00noon– 2:00pm

21 May- Residential Information Meeting at 2pm for KS2 pupils

23 May- Activity Evening at Moneynick (SCRP)

24 May- Sports Day, pupils finish at 12:00noon

25-28 May - Bank Holiday Weekend

1 June – Back up Date for Sports Day

6-8 June- Residential at Cultra KS2

8 June— Reception to Primary 4 trip to Streamvale Farm

12 June – Fun Sports with Moneynick PS

15 June-PTA Fun Night

22 June- Leavers' Assembly

29 June- School finishes at 12:00noon

Uniform Recycling Scheme

The PTA organise a **Uniform Recycling Scheme** within school. Items are reasonably priced at **£2** each. There is a range of jumpers, polo shirts, skirts & summer dresses. Please contact **Sharon French** if you wish to make a purchase.

Board of Governors

Over the next few months our Board of Governors will be reconstituted. There are two parent representatives within the Board of Governors who must be elected by parents of pupils attending the school. An elected parent governor remains in post for four years even if they cease to be a parent of a child attending the school. Each eligible parent will be entitled to nominate candidates, to vote and stand for election.

A nomination form will be issued in due course. Please follow the instructions carefully and return the completed forms.

After Schools Clubs

The majority of our After Schools Clubs commenced last week and are being well attended. Special Thanks to Mrs Anderson, Miss McAuley and Mrs Wolfenden for their help with the organisation and delivery.

Please note that Good News Club will run for six weeks and will finish on **29 May.**

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

Mrs Cuthbertson

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding) or **Mrs Wilson**

Ulster Scots Flagship School

The pupils and staff of Duneane have recently enrolled as part of The Ulster-Scots Flagship School [USFS] programme.

This is a cultural and educational programme, devised and managed by the Ulster-Scots Agency. As a result of this the children will have the opportunity to learn more about the Ulster Scots culture and traditions. Lambeg After School sessions are due to commence this **Thursday** and we are pleased that so many children are eager to attend.



Shared PSNI Online Safety Talk

On **Wednesday 2 May** the PSNI will be at Moneynick Primary to deliver an online safety talk for parents from both our schools. This will include information on talking to your child, parental controls, staying safe on mobiles, tablets and smartphones as well as other useful tips. We would appreciate your attendance at this event. A creche will be available on the evening.

The name of each parent attending will be entered into a draw to win an iTunes voucher.



Smarties Tubes

The PTA kindly gave each child a tube of Smarties before the Easter holidays. The children were to enjoy the sweets but I it is hoped that the empty tubes will be filled up with 20p coins. The children are to be helpful around the house to earn their rewards. When the filled tube is returned to school the children will earn a night off homework!



Movie and Munchies Evening

The PTA have organised a **Movie and Munchies Evening** on Thursday 3 May. This will start at 6:45pm and is open to Duneane pupils and their friends. There will be a selection of movies and lots of tasty treats! The cost is **£3 per child.**



Duneane Garden Party

The Student Council are currently organising an event on Friday 18 May from 12:00noon to 2:00pm. This will be a 'Duneane Garden Party.' We are hoping to have a bouncy castle, face painting and craft activities to celebrate the Royal wedding. We would like to open up the afternoon to children who are not yet at school and their families. If you have any friends of neighbours who would like to attend please pass on the enclosed invitations.

We would also like to appeal for some volunteers who can help prepare finger sandwiches or bake scones for our Royal celebration.



Sports Day – 24 May

Sports Day is scheduled for **Thursday 24 May.** If a field is not available at this point we have a second date of **1 June 2018** scheduled. It will begin at 10.00am with a variety of children's races. Bring along your picnic chairs and relax as we enjoy this fun annual event. As with previous years parents have the option of dropping their child off at normal time and collecting them at 9:45am or meeting us at the field before the event starts.

Pupils are free to go home with parents after the event as staff will be using the afternoon to write your child's annual report. Many thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising this important day in our school calendar.

Joint Fun Sports

Our joint Fun Sports Event will take place on **Tuesday 12 June** at Moneynick. It will be organised by Mrs Malon. We will be travelling to Moneynick by SACT bus. Reception children can be collected at 12.00 noon at the side gate of Moneynick school. Children will be transported back to school in time to get the school bus as usual. No school bags are needed. Pupils should bring a packed lunch as usual and a bottle of water and wear suitable sports clothing. If the weather is fine, please remember suncream. A warm top/coat may also be required.

Swimming will not take place on this day.

Shared Well Being Events

On **Wednesday 16 & 23 May a** range of activities will be taking place in Duneane and Moneynick Primary. These focus on the 5 Steps to Wellbeing and will be a wonderful opportunity for children and their parents to spend time together, trying new things. Details of the events are enclosed.



Book Fair Winners

Congratulations to Hannah and Matthew who were our school winners of the Book Fair Competition. They designed wonderful superheroes and wrote a story about them.



Creepy Crawly Crazy!

The little class have been learning about minibeasts and having lots of fun exploring the outdoors. They have made an ant farm, watched tadpoles swimming and their caterpillars are beginning their transformation. Outdoor Learning has included conducting a bug hunt and the pupils have enjoyed making bug hotels.



Congratulations to our respectful school!

It was lovely to receive an email from Michael at Randalstown Library congratulating our children on their behaviour during their recent visit to Randalstown library.

Whilst attending the Grand Opera House several members of the public commented on our fantastic pupils, how they behaved impeccably, their ability to show respect and their fantastic manners. Well done everyone!



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