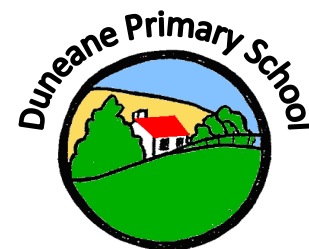


MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Shoebbox Appeal

Could all filled shoeboxes be left in school this week.
More leaflets, if needed, are available from the office.



Coffee Morning



A huge 'thank you' to everyone that supplied traybakes and buns, baked cakes, helped set up, serve and tidy up during our Coffee Morning. Also a big 'Thank You' to our sponsors. **These included Budding Designs, The Lock Keeper's Cottage, SDC, Kearney's, Tidal, The Barber's Toome & Farrens.**

Our Harvest Coffee Morning was truly a success, with a packed hall



and visitors who joined us from far and wide. We raised an amazing £679 for 'The Cancer Fund for Children' and we really couldn't have done it without help from the whole school community.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you so much for all your Cash for Clobber Contributions. The lorry was packed with over twenty bags of clothing. These will be recycled and the money generated will help us develop the play resources for the younger pupils.



A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5 November– Energy Saving Week
- 8 November– Eco Team planting 11-12
- 9 November– Tuck Shop
- 11 November– Remembrance Sunday
- 12 November– Anti Bullying Week
- 14 November– Phonics Workshop 2pm
- 16 November– Anti bullying assembly 9:30am (parents welcome)
- 19 November– Cinema trip
- 21 November– Open Afternoon 1pm
- Little Adventurers' Club 2pm
- 30 November– P5-P7 trip to School at the Sea
- 30 November– Randalstown Switch On
- 7 December– Stranmillis University pantomime
- 8 December– Breakfast with Santa
- 10 December– Tuck Shop
- 11 December– Carol singing on Radio Cracker, 10:10am performance
- 12 December– Christmas Carol Service
- 14 December– Christmas Carol Service (reserve date)
- 18 December– P1– P3 Fashion Parade
- 19 December– Little Adventurers' Club 2pm
- 20 December– Christmas Party
- 21 December– Children finish at 12:00 noon for Christmas holidays
- 3 January– School Development Day (no children)
- 4 January– Children start back

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal has now launched in school. We would ask for a minimum donation of 20p for poppies. Wristbands (rubber and snap) and Poppy Crosses are also available at a minimum donation of £1.

Representatives of the school have been asked to place a cross on the cenotaph during the Remembrance Parade at Randalstown. If your family would be willing to take part on **Sunday 11 November at 10:45am** can you please contact school by Wednesday.



Carol Singing

Over the next few weeks the pupils from Primary 3 to Primary 7 will be building up their Christmas repertoire. This is to help prepare for singing at the turning on of the Christmas lights in Randalstown on **Friday 30 November** and also on Radio Cracker on **Tuesday 11 December** at 10.20 a.m.

If you would be willing to assist with the transportation to Radio Cracker can you please contact **Mrs Cuthbertson?**



Phonics

Mrs Cuthbertson will be holding an information session for the parents of our younger pupils on **14 November at 2:00pm**. This will focus on Jolly Phonics and how best to support your child with reading and spelling.

Principal's Tea Party

The first Principal's Tea party took place at the beginning of October. The children had great fun and it was lovely to see the varied selection of pupils who earned a ticket. We are currently focusing on 'caring and sharing.' Again each adult in school will be selecting one child who shows good manners to attend the Principal's Golden Tea Party.

I wonder who will get an invite?



End Bullying Now

Anti-Bullying Week

This year Anti-Bullying Week will take place between **12- 16 November**. This is an extremely important week in Duneane's calendar. The focus this year is 'choose respect'. Each class will participate in workshops which will encourage the children to understand what bullying is and how they ask for help if they feel they are being bullied. We pride ourselves on our warm, welcoming environment and we want to ensure all our children feel happy and safe at Duneane.

A special assembly will take place on Friday at 9:30am. This will be led by the Key Stage 2 class. We would love to have as many parents join us as possible.



Snow/Exceptional Weather

I am not hoping for snow!

However, in the event that we have unexpected weather, please keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page to inform you if we have to close or close early. We will also contact you by our text messaging service.



Little Adventurers' Club

On Wednesday 17 October we had our second Little Adventurers' Club. The children had a great time playing in our space den, making their own rockets and exploring the moon sand. They searched the grounds for our solar system and made their own fruity rockets. Our next session is planned for the 21 November and will take place after Open Afternoon. We will be exploring the sea and hope to feature the Little Mer-



maid and Baby Shark.

Outdoor Play—'Trackie Bottom Tuesday'

'Article 31 'Every child has a right to play'

Our younger pupils are being given as many opportunities to use the indoor and outdoor environment during their structured play sessions. With the location of some pieces of new equipment closer to the classroom door, the children will have the opportunity to choose where to play. Each Tuesday is scheduled to be an outside day and the children should come to school dressed in track suit bottoms with a warm coat and hat. They will be playing whatever the weather and they will find it a more enjoyable experience when suitability dressed.

Easy Fund Raising

When you're busy doing your Christmas shopping online please remember to sign up with easyfundraising.org.uk and register your cause as Duneane Primary to help raise more much needed funds for our school.



Request for iPad leads!

We are currently missing some iPad leads which are needed or charging the devices. If you have any spare, genuine iPad leads at home we would welcome any donations!

Energy Saving Week

The week beginning 5 November is NI Energy Saving Week. All primary school children are being encouraged to take part in the energy saving challenge. This involves taking four simple steps to save energy.

1. Turn the light off when you leave the room.
2. Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.
3. Turn the thermostat down by 1 degree.
4. Turn the TV off standby when you are not watching it.

The challenge sheet is enclosed and we would encourage all our pupils to take part and return the sheet by next Monday.

After School Clubs

Film Club has now finished for this half term. Drama will continue until December and will conclude with a performance. The cost of both these activities was £1 per session. Film Club cost £6 in total and Drama cost £9 per child. If there is any outstanding money this should be paid asap. Transfer Club will finish on 15th November.

Enrolling now for September 2019

Duneane is a wonderful place! The family atmosphere and opportunities for our children, in my opinion, are second to none. If you have a child who is due to start in September 2019, please inform the office so that pre-enrolment details can be completed. You may also know of some parents/friends who have recently moved to the area or who are currently undecided as to where to send their child/children next year. Please speak to them about our school and ask them to make an appointment as I would be very interested in showing anyone around school and informing them of the great work that is being done. Our School Open Morning will be held on **Wednesday 21 December at 1pm**.

Please support the school by spreading the word about this very important event amongst family and friends. Flyers have been produced to publicise this event. If any prospective parents have any questions or would like to visit school on an alternative date please ask them to contact me. If you feel that you could help distribute more information leaflets to locations in the local community, please contact school.

We have recently updated our prospectus and have enclosed a copy for you as our parents. If you know of any interested parents it might help you help us to sell our wonderful school. We would really appreciate your help in spreading the word!

Parliament Buildings

Just before the half term holidays, the KS2 children had an informative day at Parliament Buildings. They were hosted by DUP MLA Trevor Clarke and his wife Linda. There were lots of interesting questions asked by the pupils and we were surprised to learn that the building was painted with cow dung during WW2 and that the original paint is still on the ceiling of the Great Hall.

As a Rights Respecting School it is important that children share their opinions about things which affect them. It was great to hear the children ask Trevor about speeding close to the school, why no government was in place and how we can get our new school more quickly!



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