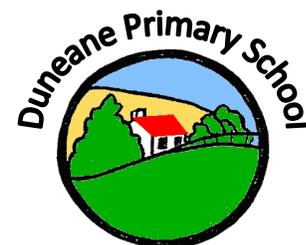


MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

FEBRUARY 2019



Safer Internet Day

Use of the internet for learning and social interaction is becoming an integral part of all of our lives and certainly of the children. It is important that we educate them and equip them with the tools to stay safe online. With this in mind we are making a special effort to highlight online safety on Tuesday of next week.

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 5 February.

This year the theme is **Together for A Better Internet.**



This month the school's focus will be Article 13 'Children have the right to get and share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or others.' This work will be linked to the work we are doing on staying safe online.

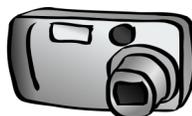


Safe Place

In conjunction with 'Women's Aid', we have been awarded the 'Safe Place' certification as we do not condone any violence towards children or adults.

School Photographer- 25 February

We will have the school photographer in school on **Monday 25 February**. The photographer will be taking individual and family groups. In addition to this we are offering you the opportunity to have a family photograph taken with younger members of the family who are not yet at school. These will be taken from **8:30am**.



Primary Seven pupils may also purchase their 'P7 Fun Pack' which is made up of more informal photographs taken in their casual clothes. Please remember to send a change of clothes together with any props you may wish to include e.g a sports item or musical instrument.

Pupil Progress Interviews & Principal's Drop in Session

Pupil Progress Interviews will be held on **14 & 15 February**. The children will finish at **12:00noon** to accommodate these. During the afternoon of the **15 February** from 1pm to 2:30pm the Principal will be available if you wish to discuss any matters or simply wish to share some ideas over a cup of tea!



A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 February- Safer Internet Day

6 February- Pupils finish at 1pm for staff training (no after school clubs)

8 February- Tuck Shop

14 February- Swimming Gala

14 & 15 February- Pupil Progress Meetings (12 noon finish)

15 February- Principal's Drop in Session

18 February- 22 February Mid Term Break for pupils

25 February- Pupils return to school after Mid Term

25 February- School photographer in school

1 March- World Book Day

4-8 March- Book Week

15 March- Ballyclare Festival

18 March- Children finish at 12:00noon for St Patrick's Day

20 March- Little Adventurers'

25 March- Maths Week

8 April -12 April Holiday Bible Club

10 April- Little Adventurers' Club

Reading Week

Reading week is scheduled for 1 March. The children will be taking part in a range of activities to support and encourage reading. We will be having a whole school visit to an author day at the Seamus Heaney Home Place.

To promote good reading role models we would be keen to have a **mystery reader** attend school on each afternoon of the week. They would read to both classes and share some of their favourite stories.

I know the children would be very proud if someone special to them could surprise the class by being the mystery reader. We would encourage Dads, Grandads or other male role models to get involved. Please call in if you are interested and speak to Mrs Dornan and remember to keep it a secret so your child will be really surprised!

We hope to organise a book sale during Reading Week and would welcome donations of good quality, used books.

Mystery Readers Wanted!



Who is this masked reader???

WHO?

All parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, or other special people! Surprise your child by being a "Mystery Reader" this year in our classroom.

WHY?

Students LOVE having their family, friends, and relatives visit our classroom to share in our learning by reading a favorite story aloud to our class.

WHAT?

Mystery readers can bring a book from home or read a teacher chosen book from our class library.

Farrans Stem Day

P5-P7 enjoyed their joint trip with the boys and girls from Moneynick to the SSE Arena and W5. They had a busy day seeing how the arena is prepared for the Arenacross event, watching stunts, Q & A with local riders including Jonathan Rea and also learning about the importance of civil engineering from some experts. They also had the opportunity to explore W5 and were able to have a go at some amazing activities. A big Thank You to Farrans for a fun filled day.



Outdoor Learning Requests!

Primary 1– 3 would really like the following donations:

- An old iPhone to help us take photographs of our learning
- 2 Litre plastic drinks bottles
- Kitchen utensils & equipment

Keeping Safe

Our Keeping Safe theme this term is 'My Body'. We will be having our whole school assembly immediately after half term, followed by our lessons.

Joint Choir

Our Joint Choir will be participating in the Ballyclare Festival this year. We have begun our practises and are very pleased to have reenlisted the help of Mrs Wolfenden in preparing the children. The children are due to preform on Friday 15 March at Ballyclare.

Heart Start Week

Our annual Heartstart week was held during 21—25 January. During this week all children practised what to do in the case of discovering either a conscious or unconscious casualty and how, and when, to contact emergency services. Our KS2 pupils also learnt how to place a casualty in the recovery position, perform CPR and help in the case of choking or serious bleeding. This invaluable learning experience is one we hope no pupil will ever have to put into practice but we're thankful that they now have the skills and knowledge should they need it.

Experiments Galore

P1-3 have really been enjoying their current topic 'Winter Wonderland'. During this topic our P3 pupils have had the opportunity to become scientists and have collected and examined raindrops and snowflakes. They have also had the opportunity to create their own frost!



Staff Training

Duneane will be hosting an ICT cluster for staff members from other local primary schools on Wednesday 6 February. The children will finish at 1pm to accommodate this.

Spare Clothes

Our school supply of spare clothes has become rather depleted. In the past week we've had P1, 2, 3 & 7 girls all needing changed. Children do slip and we do not want them to be uncomfortable in school. We would request that your child keeps a spare pair of underwear, socks and tights in their school bag.

We would also like to add to our own emergency supplies. We specifically need tights, jogging bottoms & socks. We can then change children after accidents & falls. A full age range of items is needed from 4 to 11. It is important that any clothes which are lent by school are **washed and returned asap.**

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