



DROMORE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL MAY UPDATE



DAILY

As the weather improves, encourage your child to limit their screen time and enjoy the benefits of getting outside instead! Make sure your child has sunscreen applied and brings a bottle of water into school, that they can fill at any time.



SPORTS DAY

A big thank you to all who attended Sports Day...a great success!! Thank you also to Vivo who sponsored the event and to Warrenpoint Football Club for allowing us to use their facilities. We look forward to hearing whether Hawks or Eagles were victorious!!



EAST COAST ADVENTURE ACTIVITY DAY

Our optional Fun Day for Y5, Y6 & Y7 is on Tuesday 12th June 2018. Please return your permission slip as soon as possible if your child is still interested in attending as we have to confirm numbers by the end of the week. This can be paid in full or by instalments before Friday 8th June 2018. Please ask at the office, if you need more information.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY

Our Annual Prize Day will be held at 1.45pm on Wednesday 20th June. Please leave all trophies back to the office as soon as possible.



Internet Safety Talk

On Thursday 3rd May, Constables Roberts and Offor visited school to talk to the P5-7 children about being safe online. They told them about the importance of not sharing personal information and being very careful to only add friends which we know in real life (and to check with a parent first). They also showed the children how to change their settings so that only friends see what we share and gave us lots of good advice on how to stay safe while online. Please ask your child about the talk as much of the advice could apply to adults as well.



2018/2019 New Intake

The school is pleased to announce there will be 11 new Primary 1 children starting in September 2018. Induction Day for the new P1's will be held on Thursday 14th June at 2.15pm. Please note there will be **no 321 club** on this day to facilitate our Induction Day.

Cross Country

The annual Cross Country Competition took place at Kilbroney Forest Park on Tuesday 22nd May. Congratulations to all of the children (Emilija, Ashley, Sanija, Abigail, Christopher, Rainers, Nathan, Ryan, Jamie and Keegan) who made it through to represent the school in the competition. All of the children who took part displayed excellent skills and attitudes, well done!

PTA Update

Sponsored Walk - A big thank you to all who supported the PTA's Sponsored Walk and barbecue at Kilbroney on Wednesday 23rd May. A fantastic evening, made all the more enjoyable by the glorious sunshine and great community spirit! Please return any outstanding sponsor money by **Monday 4th June**
Annual General Meeting
The PTA's AGM meeting will take place on Thursday 7th June at 7pm, immediately following the meeting to nominate Parent Governor Representatives.

Bible Exhibition

The children from P6 and P7 spent an enjoyable afternoon on Friday 4th May visiting the Bible Exhibition in Newry where they found out many interesting facts about the Bible and its history. The children were praised for their excellent behaviour and we'd like to thank Mr Rogers for his kind invitation and the refreshments provided.

WBR Credit Union

The school had another successful year in the Credit Union Art Competition. Congratulations to the competition winners.

8-10 years category:

- 1st Ashley Bedzeti
- 2nd Caomhan Dinsmore
- 3rd Lacey Close

11-13 years category:

- 1st Eloisa Wainwright



Presentation of their awards was on Tuesday 8th May and the winners were accompanied by their parent/guardian to receive their prizes.

Love for Life

On Friday 9th May, the Primary 7 pupils travelled to Windsor Hill PS to take part in 'Love for Life'. Love for Life is a charitable organisation who work in partnership with teachers and school leaders to encourage pupils in Key Stage 2 to build foundations in developing a healthy respect for themselves, understanding the complex world of relationships and being prepared for the physical changes that puberty will present. A big thank you to Windsor Hill PS for hosting the event for local schools.

Bible Club



Starting on the 4th June, an afternoon Bible Club will run from 2pm to 2.50pm for all P4 to P7 children. P3 will also attend the club on their later days. The club teaches from the NI Curriculum for RE and will feature games, songs, bible lessons, memory verses and fun and stimulating quizzes.

Board of Governors Reconstitution

Nomination forms and nominee's personal statement should be returned on or before Monday 4th June. Voting to nominate our new Parent Reps will take place on Thursday 7th June at 7pm.

GDPR

As I'm sure you are aware, new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into effect on 25th May. As a school we'd like to reassure you any personal information we hold on our pupils and families is kept safe and secure and is compliant with the new data protection regulations. We keep these details so that we can keep your child safe and give them the best possible education during their time at Dromore Road P.S. Further information on how we store and use data can be found under the heading 'Useful documents/ Policies' at www.dromoreroadps.com

School Annual Report

Following a review of our practices, in line with compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations, pupils' annual reports should be collected by the pupil's **parent** from Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June from the school office. Following this date, any school reports which have not been collected will be posted home.



Reading Treat

This term all the pupils have been working towards personal reading targets. As a treat, we have asked Mr Wainwright to organise a disco during the school day for those pupils who have met their personal target in Accelerated Reader or in their class reading programme. This will take place on Tuesday 26th June. This will be a non-uniform day for the whole school.

Attendance

The staff have identified improving attendance rates and punctuality for all pupils as a priority in our next School Development Plan. A copy of the **proposed** holiday list for next year, which will be confirmed in September, will be sent home next week. This will allow you to plan family holidays around the school's holiday dates.

Significant Diary Dates

Thursday 7th June – Tennis Fun Day

Parent Governor Rep Meeting and PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm

Tuesday 12th June – KS2 East Coast Day

Thursday 14th June – New P1 Induction day (No 321 Club)

Wednesday 20th June– Prize Day

Tuesday 26th June– Non uniform.

Accelerated Reader Treat

Wednesday 27th June – P7 Mystery Trip

Thursday 28th June – P7's last day

Friday 29th June – School finishes 12 noon for other pupils. Non uniform.



Talent Show

The School Council and Primary 7 pupils have been busy organising our Dromore Road's Got Talent on Wednesday 13th June. Each class will perform on the night, as well as a range of individual acts too. Auditions took place on 23rd May and Primary Seven would like to thank everyone who auditioned. There were some wonderful skills on display but unfortunately not everyone could make it through to the final night. The final line up will be confirmed later this week and tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 5th June.

Transition Talk

On 21st May, the Educational Welfare Officer visited our P7 pupils to talk about transitioning to secondary school. Many pupils have a lot of worries and concerns about moving school and this talk helps support them both personally and emotionally with the move.

Judo Taster

On Friday 15th June Dermot Mc Caul will be working with the P5-7 classes to teach them a little about the modern martial art of Judo. We look forward to his visit!

Tennis Fun Day



We are having a 'Taste of Tennis' fun day next Thursday the 7th of June. A professional coach will work with each class to teach them new skills, using age appropriate equipment, sponsored by Decathlon. We would appreciate it if you could send in £1 per child to help towards the cost of coaching. Please make sure your child/ children have their P.E. kits with them and hat and sunscreen, as if it is a warm day we hope to play outside.

P7 Post Primary Transfer

To ensure the smooth transition to pupils' new secondary education, representatives from the various schools will visit the school in the incoming weeks. Please remember St Mark's Open Day is Friday 1st June and Mr Strong from Newry High will visit on the 7th June.

Piano Capers



Piano Capers offers music tuition in school on a weekly basis. Lessons last 20 or 30 minutes per lesson depending on your child's age and presently cost £7 per 20 minutes and £10 per 30 minutes. We are currently trying to gauge interest for next year **so** if your child is in Y3-7 and you'd like them to attend lessons please let Mrs Mc Parland know. Similarly, if your child doesn't intend continuing with lessons next year please inform Mrs Mc Connell in writing.

Eco Workshops

Lucinda Scott the Education Officer for Environmental Health will visit school on Friday 22nd June to deliver a range of eco workshops to all the classes. P5-7 will be focusing on **recycling crafts** and each child needs to bring a clean **juice carton** into school before this date, thanks.

P7

P7's Mystery trip will take place on Wednesday 27th. P7 will then finish on Thursday 28th June. This is to facilitate the remaining pupils the opportunity to move to their new classroom for a short time on Friday. We hope by spending a little time with their new teacher it will enable a smoother transition for the new school year and alleviate any anxieties they may have.