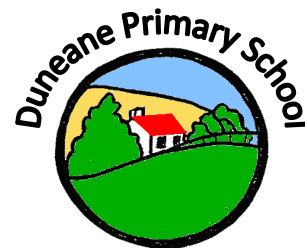


# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2019



### A Baby Boy!

Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson on the birth of her baby boy. Eli arrived on 20th March and baby and mummy are both reported to be doing well.

### Joint Choir

Congratulations to our Joint Duneane and Moneynick School Choir who participated in the Ballyclare Festival on Friday 15th March. They did us all proud with their performances of the pieces 'A Thousand Years' and 'We're Busy Doing Nothing.' A big 'thank-you' also to Mrs. Naomi Wolfenden for the time and effort that she spent in getting them 'festival ready' - we really couldn't have done it without you!



### Rights Respecting Award

On Monday 4th March we were awarded the Silver UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award. This award recognises that teaching and learning about, through and for rights is becoming established in aspects of the school community. Congratulations to all staff and pupils for their hard work in helping school gain this achievement.



### Diary Dates

**3rd April:** Pupil Council 'Break the Rules' day

**8-12th April:** Holiday Bible Club

**10th April:** Little Adventurers' Club

**12th April:** 12 noon finish

**6th May:** Bank Holiday Closure

**9th May:** PTA Movie Night

**15th May:** Little Adventurers' Club

**24th May:** Sports Day

**27th & 28th May:** Bank Holiday & Staff Development Day

**29th—21st May:** Residential

### Right of the Month: **Article 31**

'Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.'

### Reading Week

Many thanks to everyone who donated books to our second hand book sale. Books were on sale throughout the week and all money raised went to school funds.

Mystery readers appeared each day and the older children also chose books to read to the younger ones. We all talked about our favourite books and recommended them to our classmates.



The outdoor play session on Tuesday had a literacy focus while P5-7 pupils were kept on their toes with their Spelling Bee with the words gradually becoming more difficult. Congratulations to Rebecca Doole the winner of our Spelling Bee!

### Maths Week

A fantastic and enjoyable week was had by all during our Maths week. Activities included a Maths Trail for P1-3, designing a maths game for P3, Outdoor learning activities focusing on Numeracy and of course our Number Dress-Up day! Our Family Maths Quiz proved very popular, thank you for all your responses.

We also enjoyed a visit by Jayne Kernohan from Danske Bank who discussed how to spend our money wisely, how to save and the need to budget! Thank you Jayne for your visit.



Thank you to all our parents, pupils and staff for their contribution to this very worthwhile and enjoyable week!

### Holiday List

The school holiday list for 2019—2020 has been included in this month's mail drop. Please endeavour to arrange any holidays during times of school closure to avoid disruption to your child's learning.

### Early Risers Club

To help facilitate staffing arrangements, we would ask parents to, where possible, please pre-book their child into Early Risers Club. This can be done by completing the form or simply sending a message via the class teacher.



### Holiday Bible Club

Holiday Bible will commence on Monday 8th April. Unfortunately to avoid clashing with other events and activities the times are varied throughout the week. They will be:

Monday & Tuesday: 1.30—2.30 p.m.

Wednesday: 1—2 p.m.

Thursday: 12.45—1.45 p.m.

Friday: 11—12 noon

If your child is in P1 & 2, please confirm with Mrs. Cuthbertson or Mrs. Devlin whether they will be staying after school on Monday and Tuesday

We would appreciate a small donation from each family within school so we can present Ryan with a token of our appreciation. Please send gifts by Thursday 11th April.

### Learning through Topics

#### P5-7

Our current topic is Staying Alive. We have explored Microbes, carried out a mouldy bread experiment, created an obstacle course and discussed the importance of exercise. We will also be thinking about healthy eating and looking at the dangers of substance abuse.

#### P1-3

Our current topic is African Adventures. We have been exploring landscape and lifestyle in Africa. Mr. Stephen French and Mrs. Rome Dobbin have both visited our class to share their experiences of life in different parts of Africa.



### Active Athletics

Due to funding from the Everybody Active 2020 programme, Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to develop new skills through our Active Athletics sessions with Mike. They really enjoyed the experience and took part with enthusiasm.



### Child Protection & Safeguarding

During the duration of Mrs. Wilson's maternity leave, Mrs. Anderson will assume the role of Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding. Mrs. Cuthbertson will assume the role of Deputy Designated Teacher.



### **Pupil Council**

Our Pupil Council are looking forward to their 'Break the Rules' day on **Wednesday 3rd April**. An 'order form' with the list of rules that each pupil wishes to break is being distributed. Please complete and return along with the correct amount of money.

### **Parents and Teacher Association**

Our new Noticeboard has arrived and is in position beside the main school gate. This will be used to keep the local community informed about events and happenings connected with school. Thank you to our PTA for sourcing funding from DAERA's Rural Micro Grants for this valuable addition.

Tickets are now on sale for the Easter hamper, please contact the school office if you require more books. Draw will take place on Friday 12th April.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- \* Monday 1st April: Quiz night in Starbucks, The Junction, Antrim
- \* Thursday 9th May: Movies & Munchies Night
- \* Friday 14th June: Annual Fun Night

### **Little Adventurers' Club**

Our monthly Little Adventurers' Club has been proving to be a great success. Thank you to all our parents and pupils for their continued support. Please do help to spread the news of our future sessions. Sessions are for children aged 2—7 years. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult. Included in this month's mail drop is a leaflet to help spread the word, please contact school if you would like more copies to distribute.

### **Dates:**

- \* Wednesday 10th April
- \* Wednesday 15th May
- \* Wednesday 19th June

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