

LONGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY 2016 - JUNE 2016

This is the twenty seventh edition of our Newsletter.

It is hard to believe we are into our final term of another year. This has been an extremely busy term for everyone.

Our 6 weeks After Schools Club was very successful with a good number of the children attending each week. The children had a variety of different experiences.

- 3 February - Ready Steady Cook
- 10 February - Activ8
- 17 February - Krafty Kids
- 24 February - Movie Magic
- 2 March - Godmodex
- 9 March - Easter Eggstravaganza



VISITORS

We had a number of visitors to the school this term.

On Monday 8 February the Primary 5 to Primary 7 children had a visit from the Firemen who gave them a talk on Fire Safety.



The charity 'Stand By Me' came to visit us and we learnt about the work they do in other countries to help people have access to clean water.

P5-7 also had a workshop and did lots of fun activities!

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Craig Sloan from the Music Rooms came to school on 7 April and gave the children a flavour of what musical instruments they can provide tuition for. We had a great response to the offer with a big percentage of our children taking up a musical instrument.

On Thursday 14 May we had an evening for parents and children with "Godmodex".

The children had a great time playing all the computer games and Xbox games Godmodex set up for them. Parents were invited along later in the evening and were given a very informative talk about internet safety etc.



Craig is with us all day on a Wednesday taking lessons eg - flute, drums, ukulele, trumpet and clarinet. The junior children are doing junior jammers.



We applied and have been successful in securing funding for tin whistle lessons. Diane McCullough will be continuing with us for another school year.

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OUTINGS

Our children were given the opportunity to enter Ballymena Festival. Our senior choir came third in their class, this was a great achievement.



Our junior choir enjoyed taking part in the non-competitive class.



All classes visited Portglenone Library on Thursday 10 March.



The children enjoyed their Easter treat to the IMC cinema to see the film "Kung fu Panda 2".

HEALTHY BREAKS

This week 9 to 13 May will be the last of our healthy breaks week for this school year. On Friday the children will be cooking and sampling different foods.

LITTLE OWLS

Our parents and toddler group has been running now for three months. It is on the first Wednesday of the month from 2.00 - 3.00pm. We had a good number of children attend our first three sessions. We would like to thank the willing band of volunteers for their help. Parents can chat and have a cup of tea while the children play. Juice and biscuits are provided for the children.



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BREAKFAST CLUB

The breakfast club is proving to be very popular with the children. It is from 8.00am each day. Children can have cereal, toast, fruit and juice. Good value - 50p per day.



ACHIEVEMENTS

We were delighted to win Best Design for our Edible Garden at the Allianz Garden Show Ireland in Castle Grounds, Antrim last week end. Thanks to Margaret Turtle and Harry Moody for their help and advice.

Tesco and Sainsburys very kindly donated items of fruit and gift tokens. We are very grateful to them for their support.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Entries for Ballymena Show

Writing - 18 May

Craft - 26 May

Baking - 27 May

The Primary 1 to Primary 4 children are going to a "Teddy Bears Picnic" in the People's Park Ballymena on Friday 20 May. Children bring along your favourite bear.

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Our spring concert is on Friday 27 May in Brookside Presbyterian Church Hall at 11.00am. ***Children will be going home after the concert - approximately 1.00pm.*** No school dinners on that day, just something for break. They do not need schoolbags. We will have no school minibus service that afternoon. If this presents a problem for any of the minibus children please contact the school office or the Principal beforehand.

We are trying to gather up jam pots if you could help please let us know. We will return them at a later date. ***We would really like the Lidl pots if possible.***

On Monday morning 23 May we are having a practice in Brookside Presbyterian Church hall. Children are to be left there in the morning instead of school. They will be brought back to school by bus or private car. ***No breakfast club will be available on that morning.***

Cycling proficiency will be starting for the Primary 7's on Tuesday 31 May. Further information will be given to them.



Our annual barbecue for parents and friends will be on Friday 3 June at 7.00pm in Carnfunnock Country Park.

As usual we hope you will be able to support this event as it has been a favourite for our children for many years. If you would be willing to help on the night please could you let us know.

On Thursday the children are going to be treated to a "Sports School" in our school grounds. Children must all wear PE clothes.



The PTA are organising a disco in the school on Friday 10 June - more details available later.



Our annual sports will be held on Wednesday 22 June at 1.00pm in Cullybackey College.

The barbecue for the school children will be on Thursday 23 June in Carnfunnock.

The date for the P7's Record of Achievement has yet to be confirmed.

School finishes for the summer holidays on Monday 27 June at 12.00noon.



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