



School News



March 2017

Dates For Your Diary

9th March P5-7 trip to An Creagan
16th & 17th March school closed
24th March Red Nose Day
30th March P5-7 football match at
Queen Elizabeth Primary School
Pomeroy
12th April Daffodil Tea Party
13th – 24th April school closed for
Easter
1st May – school closed for Bank
Holiday
29th May – 2nd June school closed

After School Activities

- **MONDAYS MULTI SKILLS
2 WEEKS REMAINING ONLY**

P1/2 2:10 – 3:10

P3-4 6th March, 13th March

- **CRAFT 2 SESSIONS with
Emma**

3:10 – 4:10

Monday 13th March P5-7

Tuesday 21st March P3/4

- **TUESDAYS GYMNASTICS**

P1/2 2:10 – 3:10

P3/4 DURING SCHOOL TIME

1:15 – 2:10

P5-7 3:10 – 4:10

- **WEDNESDAYS IPAD /
CODING**

P3/4 CODING 2:10 – 3:10

P5-7 CODING 4:10 – 4:10

This club has changed times for
P3/4 as BYTES are delivering the
club, and we wanted P3&4 to

have an opportunity to experience
the advanced technology they use.

- **THURSDAYS JUDO**

P1-3 2:10 – 3:10

P4-7 3:10 – 4:10

Dungannon Festival

Congratulations to all the pupils who
performed so well at the festival. We
received very positive feedback from
judges and members of the audience.
Everyone was very well dressed and
excellently behaved 😊

In the prizes were:

Corin & Jessie who were 1st in their
classes.

Rachael who was 2nd & 3rd in two
different classes.

Matthew A who was placed 3rd in his
class.

Excellent results – well done!

Many thanks to Miss Black for
preparing the pupils so well. We are
very fortunate to have such music
talent amongst our staff.

World Book Day Winners

Everyone who took part in the WBD
photo competition was a winner! The
standard was exceptionally high with
some amazing photos and slogans.

The pupil council found it a difficult
task to select the winners, and after
much deliberation, the following were
ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd :

P1/2

1st Keeva McElhennon

2nd Eva Curry

3rd Riley Watters

P3/4

1st Corin Kelly

2nd = Aaron Abernethy + Aaron
Armstrong

3rd Matthew Stewart

P5-7

1st Katie Abernethy

2nd Matthew Armstrong

3rd Sophie Brodison

All entries are on display in the corridor for viewing. They are worth a peek!

P5-7 Trip

P5-7 have been studying Mesolithic and Neolithic times in class this term, and are heading to An Creagan on Thursday for some hands-on learning opportunities.

The bus will depart from school at 9:30am and will return at 2pm.

All pupils require a packed lunch.

Girls should wear dark coloured leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

All children need wellies and a coat.

Website

Please keep checking our website as pictures / news are updated regularly.
www.stewartstownps.org



Daffodil Tea

We will be hosting a Daffodil Tea Party this year on 12th April. This gives our children a chance to showcase to parents, family members, friends and community members the songs / recorder pieces they performed at Dungannon Festival, along with a few extra pieces. We will be sending out a note shortly to find out the number of seats required per family. It starts at 9:30am and lasts for about half an hour, followed by the "Hair-

raising" event! Sponsor forms were sent home to every family in school.

People can also donate via text:

Text HDPR70 £3 to 70070

Parents are then allowed to take their children home with them after they have finished their tea.

We have very few bottles collected for our bottle raffle. Please do continue to send in full bottles to the photocopier room.

School Fund etc

Please continue to make your £1/week/family voluntary contribution to our 'School Fund' and to bring in the black bin bags filled with recyclable products. We have entered the 'Cash for Clobber' competition and need your recyclables! Great time for a clear-out!

Open Door Policy

If you have any concerns about how your child is doing in school please contact Ms Bolton to organise an appointment time with the appropriate teacher. You do not have to restrict yourself to the parent/teacher interview.

Book Tokens

Enclosed is a book token per child to avail of a £1 book or £1 off a book. Asda have a great selection in stock. This can also be used against the scholastic magazine books.

Battery Recycling

We have a battery recycling box available in school if you have any old batteries. Please do not put them in the bin as they can be recycled.

Think green!

Stewartstown Scallywags

Following feedback from yourselves, Stewartstown Scallywags has started after school. Everyone should have received an info sheet regarding the club.

Please contact the office to book your child in, if you wish to avail of the service.



ADSA / TESCO / ARGOS / EBAY? SHOPPING ONLINE

Easyfundraising is an app which allows our school to benefit from any online shopping you may do. It is safe and secure to use and is totally private so we do not see what you've bought or where you have bought from. It is merely a route to go through when shopping online. Lots of different sites are compatible including Asda, Tesco, Ebay etc. Check it out!

Attendance Policy

Please remember - **all absences must be explained by a written note** as we are required to have evidence of absence for our records. We are obliged to inform the Education Welfare Officer of unexplained absences, consistent lateness as well as excessive

100%	0 days missed	Excellent
95%	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90%	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85%	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very poor
80%	38 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75%	46 days of absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning	Unacceptable

absenteeism.

The following table is guidance from the Department of Education which has been circulated to all schools.

Please see attached an attendance summary for your child(ren) as of end of February.

Please note that lateness or afternoon absence may result in a pupil not achieving 100% attendance as they missed some valuable teaching time.

Award Winners

Principal's Award:

Corin Kelly, Jessie Dougherty, Rachael Curry, Matthew Armstrong

Merit Certificate:

Ellie-Mae Cherry, Thomas Stewart

Girl of the week:

Sophie Neill, Katie Reynolds, Laurenn Armstrong

Boy of the week:

Benjamin McElroy, Jack Anderson