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Term 3 2016/17

The Knocknagin News

Issue 5

Important dates

- 7th June - P7 Fan the Flame Mass in Derry
- 8th June - School closed
- 9th June - Sports Day @10am Desertmartin FC
- 15th June - P1/2 Trip
- 15th June - Girls football tournament
- 20th June - P3/4 Trip
- 22nd June - End of year Mass 10am @St.Mary's
- 22nd June - Family Fun BBQ @6.30pm
- 23rd June - Aaron Devlin football tournament
- 30th June - Half day for Summer Holidays
- 1st Sept - Term 1 2017/18 begins

Shared trip to Planetarium

We had a fantastic whole school trip to the Planetarium in Armagh with our friends from Desertmartin PS recently. All our classes completed a topic on 'Space' this year, so the trip was an excellent way to consolidate what we know and explore new things. We all got to design and launch our own rocket!



Fun at the planetarium for
DPS&KPS

Shared Phonics with DPS

Our Linguistic Phonics programme is continuing to benefit both ourselves and Desertmartin PS. Through the sharing of resources, we are able to teach phonics to our children in single year groups which has many benefits. The children enjoy the interaction and practical nature of the activities.



SHARED PHONICS FOR P1&2

Cycling Safe!

Our KS2 children have been busy preparing for the Cycling Proficiency test. We are learning about the rules of the road, signals to keep us safe and road signs!



Cycling Proficiency

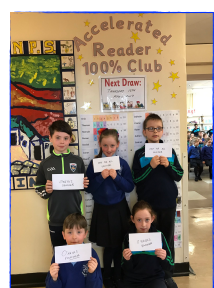


Fabulous Fundraising!

Sincere thanks to our School Council for organising a wonderful Children's Charity Day during Term 2. We raised almost £800 which was divided between Children's Liver Disease Foundation and The Daisy Garland Epilepsy Awareness charity. The School Council has organised a charity event each term this year and thanks to everyone who has supported us. Through the charity events our children have learned so much about others who face difficult times.

Accelerated Reader

Our Accelerated Reader Programme has been a great success this year again! All our children from P3-7 are regularly reading books, meeting their targets and taking quizzes. Well done to all the children and a special word of congratulations to our P6 pupil Ciara who became the first child to read 1 Million words this year!



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PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK OUT OUR E-SAFETY PAGE IN THE PARENT AREA OF OUR WEBSITE. THERE YOU'LL FIND AGE APPROPRIATE E-SAFETY VIDEOS, TIPS, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If you have any suggestions for After School clubs / activities for next year please let us know.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING AN
AR MILLIONAIRE!!!

PIC-COLLAGE

New iPads from PTA!

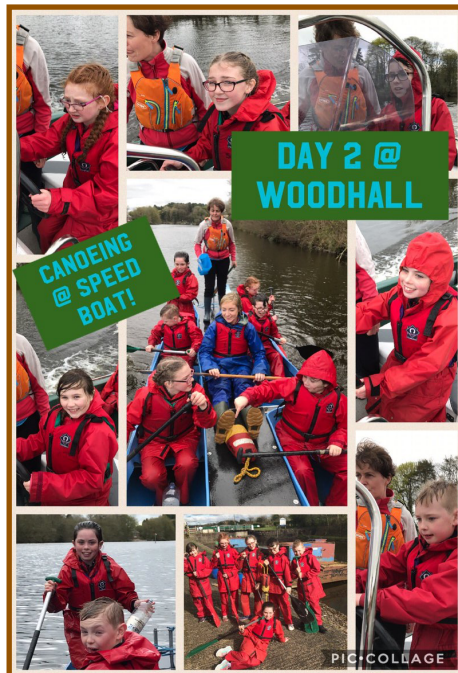
Following the success of our fundraising Bingo night, and with the support of our PTA we have been able to purchase 8 new iPads and covers for the school. We now have 13 iPads which means we have at least one between two during whole class activities. Sincere thanks to our PTA and the entire school community for supporting the event. We are already looking forward to next year!

GOOD LUCK!

TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH DESERTMARTIN GAC WHO ARE TAKING PART IN THE FEILE THIS MONTH!

Wonderful Woodhall!

Our P.7 class had a super time on their residential trip to Woodhall. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school over the three days. We got to take part in fun, exciting challenges which taught us valuable leadership and teamwork lessons. The staff at Woodhall were very accommodating and our P.6 children are already looking forward to next year!



FAIRTRADE CAKE SALE

Our annual Fairtrade cake sale was a huge success. We raised over £340 for our partner school in Zambia. In July we will be sending out stationary and resources with a volunteer group from the parish of Coalisland.



Congratulations Primary 4!

Well done to all our P.4 children who made their First Holy Communion this term. All of the children took an active part in the Mass which was celebrated by Fr.McGirr. The children prepared diligently and had a wonderful day with our parish neighbours, St.Columb's PS Cullion.



BRIDGES IN KS2

Our Key Stage 2 children are currently learning all about 'Bridges' as part of their World Around Us topic with DPS. Amongst other things, we are finding out about types of bridges, famous bridges and bridges of the river Bann. In the picture here, we are making our own bridges from clay!



P.1/2 Art Club

Our P.1/2 class have been really enjoying their after school art club over the past 6 weeks. Each Monday they have been taking part in fun activities and discovering new ways of creating art! In the picture to the left they each made a 'Kandinsky Tree'



P1 AND 2 MADE KANDINSKY TREES IN ART CLUB.

