

Deanby's Digest

October 2019



From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to our updated Newsletter - Deanby's Digest!
Having been in post now for nearly two months, I want to assure you of my commitment to the success of Our Lady's Primary. This is a wonderful school where your children are at the centre of what we do. We have a dedicated, nurturing staff who work together to ensure that the academic, social and emotional needs of our children are met. We recognise each child as an individual with unique gifts and talents. As a School of Sanctuary we celebrate our difference and welcome all pupils...so spread the word and share the success of our school! If you need to speak with me at any time please get in touch - I will be happy to meet with you. *Mrs Hughes*

“Children are the only future the world has. Teach them well.”

School Council - Well done to our School Council members for 2019/2020 - Katie Mullaney, Leah McCafferty, Jessica Mooney, Annie Mooney, Hannah Hudson, Meabh McKillop, Tara McGarry, Lexie Keenan, Holly Granville, Grace Lowry, Fiadh Sloan, Shona McTasney, Cara Uprichard, Sian O'Driscoll, Paige McKeever and Brenna Wilkinson.

Farewell - Everyone at Our Lady's Primary will be sad to say goodbye to two of our dedicated members of staff. Mrs McDowell has been teaching at Deanby for 30 years and her commitment to the girls has been appreciated by all who have known her. Mr McDonald leaves us after 16 years. His love of reading has nurtured an appreciation of books in many of our young people. We wish both Mrs McDowell and Mr McDonald well for the future as they explore new opportunities and challenges in their retirement. We will miss them.

Buddy Up - Primary 3 have just finished their "Buddy Up" project with Carr's Glen PS. The girls and boys learned all about diversity, respect, empathy and listening together. They had lots of fun and will miss meeting up and changing schools on a Tuesday.

PTA - A huge thanks to all those who attended our AGM in October. We had a great celebration of all the work done in 2018/19 and look forward to another year of fundraising and events. A full chairperson's report and accounts will be available soon. Congratulations to our new post holders.

- Michelle Flood - Chairperson
- Christine McDonnell - treasurer
- Tracey Loughens - secretary



We had a fantastic evening on Wednesday 23rd October for our annual PTA Hallowe'en Disco! There were some brilliant costumes and lots of great dancing!

Up next is our School Christmas fair on Thursday 28th November 2019. Stalls are now available for arts/ crafts/ homemade goods £20 per table. Booking forms available from school office.

Time Together - Over the past 6 weeks some of our Primary 2 parents have been attending the 'Time Together Programme'. This programme has been delivered by Meabh and Anne Marie, a play therapist and drama therapist. Parents have spent quality but fun time with their children participating in activities which address issues such as emotions, relationships and diversity. Thank you to all those who attended and of course to Meabh and Anne Marie.

Fighting Fit with Joe-Jitsu - On Wednesday 9th October we took part in a sponsored fighting fit day with Joe Wilson. All our girls had a fun filled, energetic day learning some new Ju-Jitsu moves while raising money for school funds. A huge thank-you to everyone who sponsored the girls we raised a total of £1050! Joe holds Ju-Jitsu classes in our school on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and always welcomes beginners.



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Important Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4th November -

School reopens after Mid-Term break

Tuesday 5th November -

School photographer for P1 & P7 pupils

Wednesday 6th November -

PeacePlayers P6JG

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November -

P6 trip to Trinity College to see

'Beauty and the Beast'

Book Fair on all week

Wednesday 13th November -

Dairy Council visit P5 & P6

P7 girls visit Trinity College

PeacePlayers P6JG

Friday 15th November -

School Mass, Sacred Heart Church @ 10am

Sunday 17th November -

Do This In Memory Mass for P4 pupils @ Sacred Heart Church 11.30am

Wednesday 20th November -

PeacePlayers P6JG

Service of Light for P7 pupils Sacred Heart Church @ 7pm

Wednesday 27th November -

PeacePlayers P6JG

Thursday 28th November -

PTA Christmas Fair @ 6pm

Book Fair -



The annual Book Fair will be arriving at school on the week of Monday 11th November. There will be a wide variety of books to suit all ages and all interests. Every year, you the parents, have been very supportive of our Book Fair and we have been able to purchase many books for the school through the 40% discount the school receives back. So why not come and have a browse and perhaps buy an early Christmas present!

Reminders for Parents:

- Did you know that our Breakfast Club offers a range of cereals, toast, pancakes, muffins and bagels? Our girls can also have beans and scrambled egg on different mornings. Club opens at 8am and costs only £1 (or 50p without breakfast). It is a great way to get the day started with activities and games organised by our team of friendly and experienced classroom assistants.
- As a Healthy Eating school, our Healthy Break Scheme continues this year. A snack and milk are available to all children in school at a cost of £2 per week or £10 for a 5 week block. However, children are free to bring their own healthy break to school but, please encourage your daughter to choose a healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit, bread or yoghurt.
- We are a 'Nut-Free' school and for the safety of all our pupils with allergies, it has been agreed that no birthday cake or buns will be shared out in school. Apologies



October Girls of the Week -

P1CK - Chloe Donnelly, Aibhlinn Loughran, Caitlyn Burns

P2JS - Mila Clingen-Donaghy, Tanya Hewitt, Cianadh McCarthy-Largey

P2SH - Cadhla Walsh, Jorgia Nolan, Sophie McErlean

P3CR - Khaila Ferguson, Emma-Leigh Connor, Megan McAleenan

P3KS - Jasmine Toal, Rosa Crossan, Aoibhe Doherty

P4PD - Junaida Ali, Jessica Rose Joyce, Eilidh McKeown

P4ED - Aaliyah Hayes, Jennifer Aiyedun, Katie Lowry

P5LP - Carla Scullion, Sophie Ferrin, Aimee Webb

P5KT - Lydia Kelly, Gracie McKee, Nicole Delaney

P6AB - Sophie Gormley, Cailey Larkin, Aoibh Cassidy

P6JG - Laura McCaffrey, Ashley Larkin, Rhia Magennis

P7KD - Leanna Reid, Hayleigh Webb, Sarah Lagan

P7JM - Eva Grace Catney, Emily Prenter, Clíodhna McNeill

Hallowe'en celebrations

We had lots of spooky goings-on in school over the last week,



especially with our Hallowe'en fun day and assembly. The girls all looked fantastic in their costumes and we were treated to a display from each year group. There were lots of spooky poems, songs and dances to enjoy! Our annual Hallowe'en art competition proved as popular as ever and Mrs Hale had the very difficult job of choosing the winners. Check out our Twitter and Facebook for some pictures of the winners. A huge well done to everyone who entered the competition!

P1CK - Eabha O'Connor & Molly Burns

P2SH - Ceadaoin Murphy & Jorgia Nolan

P2JS - Cianadh McCarthy-Largey & Sophie Stewart

P3CR - Niamh Mulgrew & Cadhla Fullerton

P3KS - Eiragh Catney & Jessica Jameson

P4ED - Kalie McDonnell & Skylah McCann

P4PD - Niamh Montgomery & Jessica Rose Joyce

P5KT - Sian Catney & Leona Millen

P5LP - Lily Ryan & Nadia Mloczek

P6AB - Ava Travers & Fiadh Sloan

P6JG - Jessica Fitzsimmons, Luighseach Sharma, Holly Granville & Aimee Hancock

P7KD - Eimear Catney & Grace McGuigan

P7JM - Aoife McKinley & Leah Burns